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## CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS OF GERMAN SETTLERS TO SOUTH CAROLINA

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When in the 1730's the provincial government of South Carolina began to encourage "poor Protestants" to emigrate from Europe to the exposed western frontier of the province, its motive was chiefly military protection against the Indians, the French, and the Spanish without, as well as from the Negro slaves within its borders. Incidentally, it wished to strengthen the economy of the province by the introduction of industrious, thrifty settlers. To the educational and cultural attainments of the newcomers, little or no heed was given; on the frontier these have little value. Yet, in the case of the German-Swiss and German settlers, these attainments proved to be surprisingly high, and the cultural contribution of this German-speaking element gratifyingly, if unexpectedly, large.

In his definitive study of the expansion of provincial South Carolina, Professor R. L. Meriwether has shown that the German-speaking settlers were the most literate of all the immigrants who entered the province from 1730 to 1765.<sup>1</sup> This is not surprising, for in Switzerland and Germany they had enjoyed relatively good educational opportunities and they were far from being "rude, ignorant folk," as is sometimes believed. For example, the enterprising immigration agent, John Jacob Riemensperger, planned to use copies of more than forty letters to relatives and friends in Europe written by German settlers in Saxe-Gotha. David Zubly of Purrysburg inscribed in his son's album good wishes for the young man's success in the Gospel ministry and added a quatrain of German verse.<sup>2</sup> Gottlieb Staebler from Wuerttemberg left a document written in German and perhaps still in possession of the Stabler family of Calhoun County. It contained a prayer of each member of the family for a godly life, an expression of thanksgiving for the baptism of twin infants, and a petition for the twins.<sup>3</sup>

Furthermore, the German-Swiss settlers in Saxe-Gotha, like other German-speaking immigrants, displayed a keen interest in education. In a petition presented to the provincial government in 1747, Riemensperger expressed the "great distress" of the German-Swiss in Saxe-Gotha over their lack of educational and religious advantages; and in the following

<sup>1</sup> *The Expansion of South Carolina* (1940), p. 177.

<sup>2</sup> J. H. Dubbs, *History of the Reformed Church, German* (1895), p. 297.

<sup>3</sup> Translation by writer's father a generation ago.

year he announced his plan to solicit contributions while on a proposed trip to Europe, toward a school building at the Congarees.<sup>4</sup> The German and French-Swiss at Purrysburg also regretted their want of adequate school and church services. When in 1739 the Moravian missionaries, Peter Boehler and George Schullius, came into their midst to open a school for Negro slaves, the settlers besought the two to instruct their children also.<sup>5</sup> In 1745 the German-Swiss at New Windsor likewise indicated their warm interest in education. In a petition presented to the provincial government they argued that the English king could drive no benefit from "ignorant and ungodly Subjects." And they added the more telling argument that for want of school and church services many settlers were migrating to Pennsylvania.<sup>6</sup>

That a number of the German-speaking settlers were far from illiterate is shown also by their interest in books. At the Congarees Riemensperger possessed sixty-four old German books; his neighbor, Stephen Crell, owned a Hebrew Bible and a Greek Testament; another neighbor, Herman Geiger, had a Bible, five psalters, and a book of sermons.<sup>7</sup> Three of the German-Swiss in Purrysburg lamented the loss of their books while they were in Holland. For years the Lutheran ministers at Ebenezer, Ga. distributed among the German-speaking South Carolinians religious books they had received from Europe.<sup>8</sup> There were enough of these book-loving German-Swiss and Germans in 1752 to warrant an advertisement in the *South Carolina Gazette* of German books for sale. Three years earlier the *Gazette* had carried an advertisement in German of Sauer's *Almanac*. When in 1750 or 1751 the Rev. John Giessendanner returned to Orangeburg from England, where he had been ordained an Episcopal clergyman, he brought with him fifty copies of the *Book of Common Prayer* in a German translation.<sup>9</sup> Rev. Henry M. Muhlenberg, patriarch of American Lutheranism, on his second visit to Charlestown in 1774, found that the distinguished public servant, Michael Kalteisen, had a "home library" containing a Bible, "some fine, edifying books," and some literary works such as *The Spectator Papers*; he discovered, too, that another German, George Vielhauer, was "well provided with edifying books." The Rev. Dr. Zubly, who had once ministered to an independent congregation on Wando Neck, had in his Savannah parsonage one of the best libraries Muhlenberg had seen

<sup>4</sup> Journal of Council, March 3, 1747, March 9, 1748, in office of S. C. Historical Commission.

<sup>5</sup> Adelaide L. Fries, *Moravians in Georgia*, p. 208sq.; A. G. Spangenburg, *Von der Arbeit der Evangelischen Brueder unter den Heiden* (1782), p. 59.

<sup>6</sup> Journal of Council, Jan. 21, 1745.

<sup>7</sup> Meriwether, *op. cit.*, pp. 178, 180, note.

<sup>8</sup> *Urksperger Nachrichten*, VII, Part II, p. 317.

<sup>9</sup> Meriwether, *op. cit.*, p. 48.



in the New World. It contained "all kinds of new learned books, journals, reviews, etc. from Germany" as well as old works.<sup>10</sup> The Utopian philosopher and adventurer, Christian Gottlieb Priber, took with him to his farm in Amelia Township a trunk filled with books.

Moreover, a small number of the German and German-Swiss settlers in South Carolina received in Europe a superior education. Rev. Frederick Stoeber was a graduate of the University of Jena; Rev. Peter Boehler, who became a Moravian bishop, had been an instructor in that institution; the Rev. Abraham Imer, according to the Ebenezer diarist, was a learned man from the Canton of Berne; Lieutenant-Governor Bull called one Frederick Meyer "a man of learning";<sup>11</sup> even a runaway servant, Jacob Prupacher, understood Latin.<sup>12</sup> Capt. John Frederick Holzendorf, at one time a confidential adviser of the King of Prussia, became the "very skilful surgeon" of St. Philip's Hospital, Charleston, and enjoyed the general esteem of the townspeople.<sup>13</sup>

A few members of the German-speaking element in the province made noteworthy contributions, not merely by means of their private culture but through works of an intellectual or esthetic character. The leader of the German-Swiss settlers at New Windsor, John Tobler, deposed as governor of his native canton of Appenzell because of factional differences,<sup>14</sup> gave to the province a widely circulated almanac, *The South Carolina Almanac*. In time its circulation in adjoining provinces seems to have led Tobler to change the title to *The South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia Almanac*. The first number appeared in 1752;<sup>15</sup> it continued to be published until his death in 1765, whereupon another editor took charge. It continued to appear until at least 1792.<sup>16</sup> As the advertisement indicates, it contained a variety of useful information together with "some diverting Epigrams and other Pieces," as well as "the Lunations, Eclipses, Planets, Motions and Aspects . . . the Moon's Place in the Ecliptic, the Sun's rising and setting, the Dog Star's rising and setting . . . Day-break and end . . . the Time when any of the Planets are near the Moon, which is a good Rule to know them by . . . a Table of the Equation of Time, for the Regulation of Clocks and Watches." Also, the "probable Weather" was forecast, and a bit of the medicine of the day included: "when good or indifferent for bleeding and where, very useful." The dates of church holidays and "other

<sup>10</sup> *Journals of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg* (1945), II, 572, 573, 596, 682.

<sup>11</sup> *Journal of Council*, Feb. 26, 1765.

<sup>12</sup> *Gazette*, Oct. 10, 1754.

<sup>13</sup> *Uralsperger Nachrichten*, IV, 504. *Gazette*, Jan. 29, 1754.

<sup>14</sup> Letter to the writer from state archivist of Zurich, Feb. 27, 1930.

<sup>15</sup> *Gazette*, Dec. 13, 1751.

<sup>16</sup> See list by Mabel L. Webber, this *Magazine*, XV, 73-81; also R. L. Meriwether, *op. cit.*, p. 69, note.

observable Days," of courts and fairs were given; also "a Gardener's Kalendar, done by a Lady of this Province, and esteemed a very good one"; "a Table of the Assize of Bread, as regulated by a late Act of the General Assembly of this Province"; a table of simple interest at eight per cent, evidently the legal rate. Furthermore, there was a road map, with a description of the roads from Charlestown northeastward through Georgetown, the principal towns of North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, "quite to Boston in New-England"; and a description of the roads from Charlestown to Port Royal, Purrysburgh, and New Windsor.

Tobler appears to have been fond of music, for he owned one of the few "chamber organs" then to be found in either South Carolina or Georgia.<sup>17</sup>

Tobler's son-in-law, the Rev. John Zubly, D.D., was not only a distinguished preacher in the German-Reformed Church, but also a writer. Son of a pious and somewhat cultivated German-Swiss at Purrysburgh, he received an excellent university education in Germany. Most of his years in the ministry he spent in Georgia, especially in Savannah where he served a mixed congregation of Independents, Presbyterians, Lutherans, and German-Reformed; but for a time he served a congregation of non-Anglican Protestants on Wando Neck, near Charleston.<sup>18</sup> In time he became the most widely known minister of his small denomination in North America.<sup>19</sup> When the struggle between the Thirteen Colonies and England set in, he used his superior ability and learning in defending the Colonies against the aggressions of the mother country. But his conscience forbade him to take the immoral step, as he conceived it, of withdrawing the allegiance he had sworn to George III.<sup>20</sup> Hence, though he was a member of the Continental Congress in 1775, he opposed the Declaration of Independence when it was proposed; and he wrote a simple and succinct reply to Thomas Paine's arguments for independence in *Common Sense*.<sup>21</sup> This conscientious stand made him quite unpopular in Savannah and in 1777 he was driven out of the city, but later he was forgiven, and two streets of the town were named for him.

Zubly used his facile pen also in behalf of religion. The *South Carolina Gazette* on January 19, 1759, announced the publication of his tract entitled *The Real Christian's Hope in Death*, a series of accounts of "the comfortable dying Beds of several Persons of Piety." Indeed, he is said to have

<sup>17</sup> *Urlisperger Nachrichten*, IV, 400.

<sup>18</sup> George Howe, *History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina* (1870), I, 266; *Urlisperger Nachrichten*, VII, 14-15.

<sup>19</sup> Dubbs, *op. cit.*, p. 297.

<sup>20</sup> Loeher, *Geschichte der Deutschen in Amerika*, p. 153.

<sup>21</sup> Dubbs, *op. cit.*, p. 302.

written several books. Because of his learning and prominence in the ministry, the College of New Jersey honored him with the degree of Doctor of Divinity. This degree Zubly seems to have worn worthily, for Henry Melchior Muhlenberg praised him as "influential, learned, prudent, and very industrious."<sup>22</sup> A prominent citizen of Savannah called him a man of "no mean parts and education; yea, I may say that his talents are extraordinary; but, what is more, he is a faithful, zealous, and laborious minister. . . ."<sup>23</sup>

Associated, like Zubly, with both Georgia and South Carolina was William Gerard De Brahm, a prominent military engineer and surveyor, who had served in the Bavarian army. As Baron von Steuben did at times, so he too gallicized his name as a stroke of policy, by changing the aristocratic German *von* to the French equivalent *de*. When De Brahm first came to America, he established himself at Bethany in Georgia as head of a group of settlers.<sup>24</sup> His engineering skill and experience, however, led to his appointment as one of the two surveyor-generals of Georgia.<sup>25</sup> In time his reputation spread to South Carolina, and the provincial government in Charleston employed him in two military enterprises, besides naming him surveyor-general in 1755. The first of the military enterprises was the repair of the fortifications of Charleston after the hurricane of 1752.<sup>26</sup> De Brahm appraised the damage and drew up plans for repairs, but because he presented a testimonial written in French, the Assembly became suspicious of him and delayed the employment of his services for three years.<sup>27</sup> After the eventual repair of the damages, he was paid £550 for his services. When the South Carolina authorities decided to build Fort Loudon in the Cherokee country, he was employed as the military engineer. But his sound suggestions met with bitter opposition from the commander of the garrison and the provincial Council. So impatient did De Brahm become that on one occasion he flew into a rage, drew one of his pistols from its holster, and asked the commander, Captain Demare, to "shoot him through the Head." The result of these differences was that De Brahm quit the work before the fort was completed.<sup>28</sup>

While performing his duties as surveyor-general of South Carolina and Georgia, De Brahm was able to gather material for a map. In 1757, the

<sup>22</sup> *Journals of Muhlenberg*, II, 596.

<sup>23</sup> Howe, *op. cit.*, p. 266.

<sup>24</sup> *Georgia Colonial Records*, I, Aug. 24, 1751, Jan. 8, 1752.

<sup>25</sup> *Gazette*, Feb. 3, 1757.

<sup>26</sup> *Journal of Council*, April 13, 1753.

<sup>27</sup> Board of Trade Papers, Dec. 16, 1752. W. Roy Smith, *South Carolina as a Royal Province* (1903), pp. 203-207.

<sup>28</sup> *Journal of Council*, May 9, 1755, Jan. 4, 1757; *Indian Book*, V, 244-245. S. C. Historical Commission.

printing of this map, according to De Brahm the first of its kind, was authorized by the British government.<sup>29</sup> It comprised the whole of South Carolina and a part of Georgia. It showed the various islands, inlets, rivers, and creeks; the roads and bridges; the parishes, townships, and boroughs; and several plantations, with their boundary lines and the names of their proprietors. This map constitutes De Brahm's cultural contribution to South Carolina.

Far more learned and fascinating than De Brahm is another German adventurer who lived for a time in South Carolina. This is Christian Gottlieb Priber, learned and imaginative planner of Utopias. After living for a time in Amelia Township, he set out for the Cherokee country where he won the confidence and affection of the native Indians and embarked upon his highly romantic experiment in the establishment of an ideal, communistic state. This experiment and its collapse have been well described by the eighteenth-century historian of the American Indians, James Adair; in 1919 by the Sewanee professor, Verner W. Crane; and in 1940 by Herbert Ravenel Sass.<sup>30</sup> Suffice it to say that Priber was not only an accomplished linguist who spoke "almost all Languages fluently, particularly English, Dutch, French, Latin and Indian," but also a learned social philosopher and a lexicographer, who prepared a dictionary of the Cherokee language. His paradisaic, communistic state he described in a now lost manuscript "full of learned quotations."<sup>31</sup> However, his statement made while a prisoner in Fort Frederica has been preserved, a statement characteristic of the cultured man that he was: "It is folly to repine at one's lot in life:—my mind soars above misfortune;—in this cell I can enjoy more real happiness, than it is possible to do in the busy scenes of life. Reflections upon past events, digesting former studies, keep me fully employed . . . I suffer,—though a friend to the natural rights of mankind,—though an enemy to tyranny, usurpation, and oppression;—and what is more,—I can forgive and pray for those that injure me. . . ." Professor Crane has well said: "Philosopher, utopian, linguist, scholar, friend of peace, of progress, of the Indian, he deserved, no doubt, a better fate than the oblivion" that long enshrouded him. James Adair, who had corresponded with Priber while the latter was among the Cherokees, concluded that he deserved a "much better fate."

The German-speaking settlers made also an esthetic contribution to

<sup>29</sup> Journal of Council, Aug. 12, 1755.

<sup>30</sup> Adair, *History of the American Indians* (1775); Crane, *Sewanee Review*, Jan. 1919; Sass, *Hear Me, My Chiefs!* (1940).

<sup>31</sup> *Gazette*, Aug. 15, 1743, "Letter from a Georgian."

<sup>32</sup> Letter to the writer, June 30, 1951, from John Richard Craft, director, Columbia Museum of Art.

South Carolina, chiefly through the work of a painter of German-Swiss extraction, Jeremiah Theus. Son of a settler in Orangeburg, he set himself up in Charleston, we learn from his announcement in the *Gazette* of August 30, 1740, as a "limner" of portraits, landscapes, crests, and coats of arms. Five years later he advertised himself in the *Gazette* as teacher of drawing. Although he appears to have had little training as a painter, he attained such distinction as a portrait painter that he was engaged to paint the portraits not only of prominent South Carolinians but also of men and women in other Southern provinces. In spite of certain shortcomings, his portraits have won for him "a very special place in the early development of Colonial portraiture, particularly in the South. For that reason and for his influence in the grounding of lush aristocratic portraiture, his position in our history is sure."<sup>32</sup> James Truslow Adams has called him "one of the very best of Colonial painters".<sup>33</sup>

When Theus first settled in Charleston, he naturally fraternized with the humble Germans, disparagingly called "the Dutch." He generously threw open his home as a lodging place for Lutheran ministers who happened to visit the town, and as a temporary place of worship for the local Germans. But when with artistic success came wealth and social distinction, he bought a house on Broad Street and, like Frederick Grimke, took a pew in the newly established St. Michael's Church. Nevertheless, his "sizable fortune" appears to have vanished, for when in 1774 Henry Melchior Muhlenberg paid his second visit to Charleston, he found Theus's widow so poor that he gave her seven shillings and a sixpence.<sup>34</sup>

To the flourishing musical life of Charleston, the German immigrants contributed two or three musicians who settled in the town. One of these had been, strange to say, a trumpeter in a squadron of privateers.<sup>35</sup>

Thus, despite the fact they were brought into the province largely for military defence of the frontier, the Germans and German-Swiss settlers made a significant contribution to its scientific, esthetic, and religious life. In addition to their superior educational attainments, they contributed a cartographer, an almanac-maker, a prominent surgeon, a portrait painter, a lexicographer and social philosopher, and two learned and distinguished preachers, one of them an author. For a small, alien segment of the population this is no mean list of notables.

<sup>32</sup> *Provincial Society, 1690-1763*, p. 274.

<sup>34</sup> *Journals of Muhlenberg*, I, 63; II, 597.

<sup>35</sup> *Miscellaneous Records 1740-1747*, pp. 158-159. S. C. Historical Commission.

## SPRINGVILLE: A SUMMER VILLAGE OF OLD DARLINGTON DISTRICT<sup>1</sup>

By ROBERT ERVIN COKER<sup>2</sup>

Springville probably originated when someone from the Mechanicsville section of Darlington District discovered the advantages of an elevated pineland with sandy soil that would not hold water in puddles, that had uncounted springs of pure mineral waters, and a fine large creek with cool, clean water and firm sand-bars for bathing. The region also had attractive sites for building in the woods and along the high hills bordering the narrow swamp of the creek; indeed, there were some really steep bluffs.

The first houses were small cottages with little more than bare necessities for summer living. Even to the time of the Civil War a few of the houses were still summer places, although the trend was toward rather fine permanent residences, which persisted to the last decades of the 19th century. Among the first of the families who built a substantial community were the Cannons, Lides, Ervins, and Wilds.

As Springville was never incorporated, it had no precise boundaries. It was simply the region east of Black Creek from about Hood's Bridge, a couple of miles from Darlington, S. C., northward to about a mile beyond Lide's Bridge; and thence westward across Black Creek to include the residences of T. P. Lide, William Charles, and others. With a length of at least two miles, the width was hardly more than a half a mile.

Here was a lively community with sufficient population for a post office.

<sup>1</sup> *Chief Sources:* Personal memory, checked by recent visits, by measurements with automobile speedometer, and by questioning a large number of persons. Sue James, "His Springville," information from the late S. F. Ervin whose memory has proved remarkably accurate. Mrs. Ezra C. Lide, "White Plains, Springville," "Wilds Hall," and "The Old Breatly Home in Springville," MSS, Darlington County Historical Society. Mrs. Jane Lide (Coker) Wilson, *Memories of Society Hill and Some of its People* (1909, 1910). Rev. Dr. Edwin Charles Dargan, *Harmony Hall: Recollections of an Old Southern Home, 1852-1882* (1912). Alexander Gregg, *History of the Old Cheraws* (1867) and revised edition (1925). Mrs. Lyndon Lee Cannon, *Happy Heritage* (1943). William Harlee, *Kinfolks* (1934). *Historical Sketch, Welsh Neck Baptist Church, Society Hill, S. C.* (1889). Jedediah Morse, *New Universal Gazetteer* (1823). Robert Mills, *Atlas* (map, Darlington District, 1820) and *Statistics of South Carolina* (1826). H. G. Tanner, *Map of S. C.* (1823). Stroeber, undated map Darlington County, c. 1870. Kolb Chart of T. Evans Wilson. McIver Chart of V. McD. McIver. Cannon Chart of the Misses Charles via T. Evans Wilson. Deeds and plats of Springfield lands, Darlington Courthouse.

Professor R. L. Meriwether, director, South Caroliniana Library, University S. C., and Dr. Anne King Gregorie, editor of this *Magazine*, have made helpful suggestions.

<sup>2</sup> Kenan professor of zoology, University N. C.

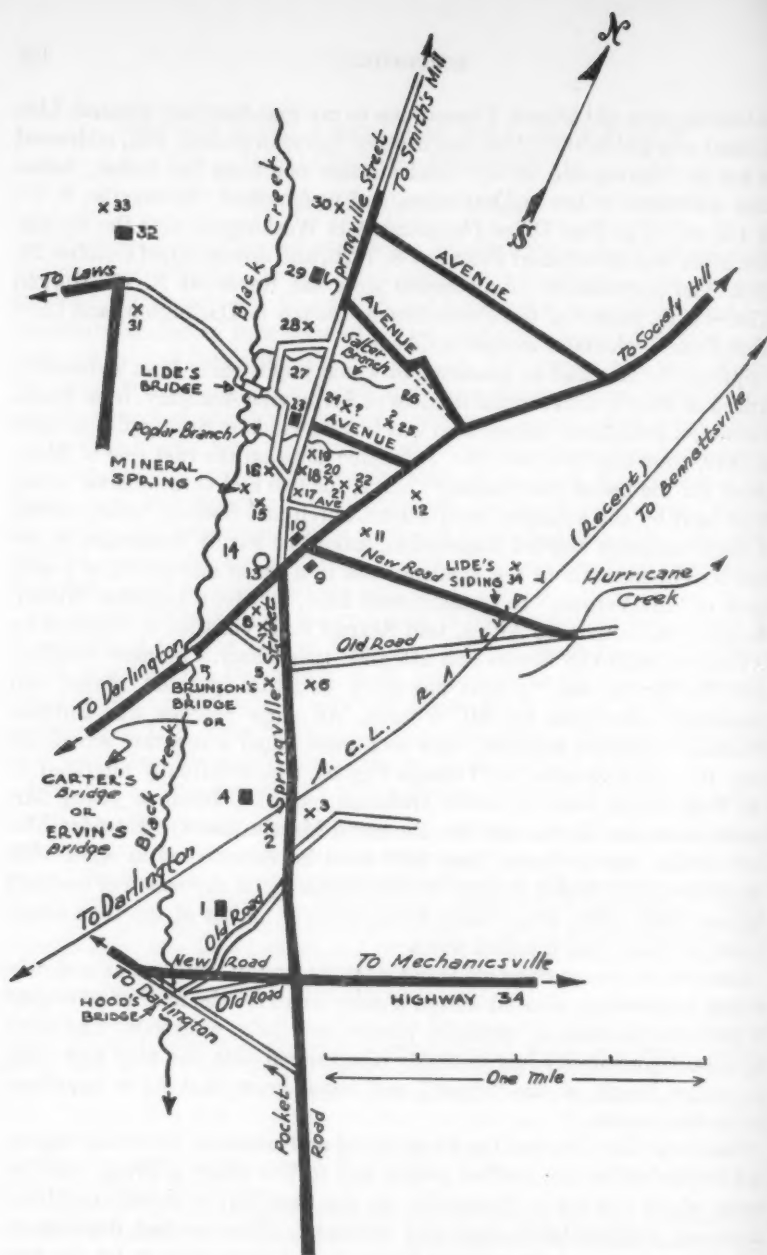


In looking over old letters, I found one to my grandmother, Hannah Lide (Coker) as a girl in 1827, from her brother David in Society Hill, addressed to her at "Springville, S. C."; and another one from her father, James Lide, addressed to her in Charleston, and postmarked "Springville, S. C., 12 1/2 ct." The Post Office Department in Washington says the Springville office was established February 8, 1826, and discontinued October 23, 1832. The postmasters in succession were the Reverend R. H. Morgan (1789-1881), pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Darlington, and Lawrence Prince, who later moved to Cheraw.

Springville also had an academy to which pupils came from a distance. A deed of May 9, 1822, to the trustees of Springville Academy, from Rasha Cannon, a prominent citizen who was buying lands in Springville as early as 1819, conveyed two lots: No. 1, for five acres on the east side of Black Creek for the use of the academy; No. 2, for two and three-quarter acres, to be held by the academy until First Church and Society, incorporated, of the Charleston Baptist Association, should be legally competent to accept it. The first site of the Academy was in a forest one eighth of a mile north of "Mt Vernon," to be mentioned later. Dr. John Leighton Wilson, the great missionary to Africa, told Samuel F. Ervin that in boyhood he had stayed with the Ervins and attended this school. The next building, said Mr. Ervin, was "a neat one story structure, painted, glazed and plastered," also close by Mt. Vernon. An early teacher was Furman Whilden, a Baptist minister, who soon established a separate school for girls. He was succeeded by Thomas Pegues, who eventually migrated to the West. Then came a native Irishman named O'Brien, a young Mr. Sewell from the North, and the Reverend Martin Brearly. Evander McIver Griffin was in charge from 1860 until he volunteered in April 1862 for service in the Eighth South Carolina Regiment. A succession of teachers followed until 1868, when Sallie Ervin McIver, owner of the then abandoned building, had it pulled down.

Like the academy, Springville has gone. It simply vanished as a closely settled community, a social center, a place to go for the mail or to engage in political discussions, pleasant parties and jolly weekends. The once significant community has so nearly disappeared that one may now walk the entire length of the "street" and never know that he is anywhere but in the woods.

The Civil War changed the whole social and economic life of the region, and at the end of the conflict people had to live where a living could be made, which was not in Springville! By the time that economic conditions improved, transportation had also advanced, distances had diminished, and it was easy to have summer homes in the mountains or by the sea. Malaria too was understood and controlled, and healthful living was



MAP OF OLD SPRINGVILLE

Based on map of T. Evans Wilson, with locations of sites by R. E. Coker.  
Houses remaining in 1949 indicated by solid blocks; other sites by x, with numbers corresponding to key.

Roads in use are in solid black; all are old except two, marked "New Road."



possible on lands that would hold water as well as fertility. Springville belonged to a time that was no more.

The following account is given in the form of a journey through the old community.

SPRINGVILLE, EAST OF SOCIETY HILL—DARLINGTON ROAD

Starting at the west end, not far from Hood's Bridge and the junction of the road from Mechanicsville with the Pocket Road, we come first to the Wilds-Coggeshall place. The present house, according to Miss Nina Coggeshall, was built in 1839. The land, some 300 acres, is understood to have been purchased in 1839 from William A. and Margaret Jane Ervin (part of original James Ervin lands?). "Wilds Hall," a large, well-designed, beautifully situated house of two and a half stories was built by Peter Wilds, who married Julia Terrell. Its six solid outside porch columns rest on marble slabs, topping the heavy brick bases. Within are black marble mantels, beautifully molded plaster cornices and low paneled weinscating. The house is pictured in *Pee Dee Panorama*<sup>3</sup> and is described in the manuscript, "Wilds Hall", in the files of the Darlington County Historical Society.

Among the children of Peter and Julia Wilds were: Nancy Lide (Mrs.

<sup>3</sup> *Pee Dee Panorama*. Photographs by Carl Julien. Introduction by James McBride Dabbs. (University of South Carolina Press, 1951.)

KEY TO MAP

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Peter Wilds—Coggeshall            | 20. J. F. Ervin—James               |
| 2. Wilkins—Bacchus                   | 21. Col. Sam'l Wilds                |
| 3. Dr. E. W. Dargan                  | 22. S. F. Ervin (no house?)         |
| 4. E. J. Lide                        | 23. John W. Lide—Bacot-Atkinson     |
| 5. Dr. S. F. Ervin                   | 24. Richard Bacot (Location?)       |
| 6. Gen. Jos. B. Nettles              | 25. T. C. Williamson (Location?)    |
| 7. Dr. E. A. Law—Williamson?         | 26. Robt. P. Lide Lands (Location?) |
| 8. Dr. Reese Gregg—Williamson?       | (House?)                            |
| 9. John L. Hart                      | 27. Rasha Cannon land (House?)      |
| 10. John Lide                        | 28. James Lide                      |
| 11. Fountain sisters                 | 29. Harmony Hall—Hugh Lide—Rev. J.  |
| 12. Jas. S. Gibson—Woods—Spain?      | O. B. Dargan                        |
| 13. Hugh Lide—W. E. Charles (No      | 30. Hopkins Charles                 |
| house?)                              | 31. DeLessaline—Zimmerman—Capt.     |
| 14. Bay known as "Robert Lide's Gar- | Wm. Charles                         |
| den Spot"                            | 32. Thomas—DuBose—T. P. Lide—       |
| 15. Cannon Seat or Mt. Vernon, Mc-   | Blackman                            |
| Iver—Coker                           | 33. The Rev. William Brearly        |
| 16. Springville Academy. Last site.  | 34. E. P. Lide (Late?)              |
| 17. W. E. James                      | (Homes of Morgan and Prince not     |
| 18. Academy?                         | located.)                           |
| 19. S. A. Woods                      |                                     |

Peter C. Coggeshall), mother of Misses Nina and Clara Coggeshall, and of Alva, Bert, and William D. Coggeshall, whose descendants are prominent in the community; Elizabeth ("Betty"), who married Leighton W. Lide, and was the mother of Miss Julia Lide, Mrs. Bessie Lide and others; Peter, who never married but was widely and affectionately known as "Uncle Pete"; and Robert, who married Eliza Hart and whose children were Terrell, Robert Hartwell, and Annie (the second Mrs. A. H. Rogers). Peter Wilds, the original owner, was the son of Samuel Wilds and Ann Lide, a daughter of Major Robert Lide and the second Sarah Kolb. He was first cousin of the distinguished Judge Samuel Wilds.

Wilds Hall is of particular interest because it happens to be one of the six old houses that still exist and retain something of their primary charm. It is also the only Springville home which has remained in the same family—for four generations over a span of more than a century. It is now the home of the Coggeshall sisters, Misses Nina and Clara Coggeshall and Mrs. Mamie Lide, and their nephew, Douglas Coggeshall, who has developed a notable garden of camellias. Incidentally, the bottom step at the front entrance is said to be the original heavy timber.<sup>3</sup> The extensive ornamental paling around the front yard consists almost entirely of the original materials.

Proceeding three quarters of a mile northwestward we come next, to sites of the Dargan and Wilkins homes. According to Mr. Ervin, the Dargan home on the right was a two-story house, "nicely built and nicely kept up". Built about 1856 by Mrs. Sarah (Du Bose) Dargan, widow of Dr. E. W. Dargan, it was a relatively new home for Springville. Among the children of this couple were Congressman George W. Dargan of Darlington, John J. Dargan, educator and historian of this community, and Edwin W. Dargan. The house was torn down in the late '60's and used for building in Darlington.

On the other side of the road was the home of Mr. Wilkins, a minister and teacher. A Wilkins daughter married George Norwood, who became one of the state's leading bankers. The children of this couple constituted a large family of prominent bankers and business men in South and North Carolina. Later the Wilkins home was occupied by Mrs. Bacchus, widow of a Baptist minister. In my boyhood it was known locally as "the Bacchus place;" a small house had then replaced the original one that had burned.

Next we cross the railroad, of comparatively recent construction, and see almost immediately on the left, the creek side of the road, the old home of Evan J. Lide, a wealthy planter who, to quote Mrs. James, "was perhaps the largest taxpayer in the county." Like the Wilds house, it still stands. As an illustration of the inter-connections of families, it may be mentioned that the first Mrs. Lide was Margaret Ervin, sister of Dr. S. F.

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Ervin and Mrs. A. E. McIver, both of whom will appear later. The second Mrs. Lide, mother of the substantial family of children, was Martha Miller from Sumter, whose sister, Cornelia Frances, married David R. Lide, my great uncle, son of James Lide and first cousin of Evan Lide.<sup>4</sup>

Evan J. Lide was a son of Hugh and Elizabeth Pugh Lide, whose home was a little farther on, and brother of T. P. Lide. Some of the children of Evan Lide were John Lide of Springville; the twins, Mary and Elizabeth, who long lived in the old home before moving into Darlington; Ezra Lide, whose widow, Mrs. Bessie Lide, has a Springville-postmarked letter; the reverend Thomas Lide, father of the late Mrs. C. W. Coker of Hartsville, and grandfather of James L. and Charles W. Coker, president and executive vice president, respectively, of Sonoco Products Company; E. P. Lide of Darlington; William Lide, father of the present Judge Lanneau Lide of Marion; and the greatly beloved Robert W. Lide, long pastor of the first Baptist Church in Darlington. The Reverend Robert Lide died not so long ago in Florence; his children have gone far and wide, from Florence to Korea and China.

A third of a mile farther on are the facing properties of Ervin and Nettles. The Ervin place on the left had originally a four-room cottage built by Dr. Samuel Fulton Ervin, who died there a few years later. Mrs. Ervin, who was Miss Harriet McIver, subsequently built a beautiful house designed by a northern architect named Klickner.<sup>5</sup> The Ervin children who lived to maturity were Evander McIver, Samuel Fulton (Mrs. James' chief informant), John F., who never married, and William C. There were no girls. Descendants of the Ervin sons are prominent about us now. Miss Julia Ervin is a most valuable custodian of regional and family history. According to Mr. Ervin, the family of Mr. John I. Middleton lived with Mrs. Ervin during a part of the Civil War, as refugees from "the low country."

The Nettles home across the street was built and occupied by Gen. Joseph B. Nettles and his wife, Hannah Blackwell. Among their children were Mrs. B. C. Norment of Darlington, a Mrs. Covington, and J. Edward Nettles, one time minister to Austria, whose wife was Gertrude Sims of a prominent family in the state.

<sup>4</sup> Mrs. Cornelia (Miller) Lide died young in 1842. David Lide subsequently married her brother's widow and moved to Alabama. The youngest Miller sister was wife of Scarborough, well-known painter. Among subjects of his portraits were Mrs. A. E. McIver of Springville, and Hugh and James Lide. (Miller Chart through Miss Dora Lide and Mrs. A. H. Rogers.)

<sup>5</sup> Name of architect is from Mrs. James and Miss Julia Ervin. Klickner is said to have designed a number of houses including the fine Samuel H. Wilds house in Darlington on Pearl St., later home of C. B. Edwards. Presumably, the superb garden was laid out by Reddy, an English landscape artist.

Going on about half a mile, just before the old road to Society Hill, we pass successively on the left the Law and Gregg home sites. Dr. E. A. Law married Elizabeth McIver, a sister of Mrs. S. F. Ervin. With the Laws, according to Mr. Ervin, his mother lived during the summers until her own large home was built. Among the children of the Laws were Maj. Gen. E. McIver Law of the Confederate Army; Col. Junius A. Law; Capt. John K. Law, who married Mary Ervin James and became a judge in California; Elizabeth Law, who married Robert E. Wilds, and whose son John is recent head of The Protection Mutual Company in Chicago, probably the largest fire insurance company in the country. Later, the Law place was purchased by the first Benjamin Franklin Williamson, husband of Margaret McIver, and the house was moved eventually to what is now the Howard Plantation, a few miles from Mechanicsville, where it still stands in the yard of the Howard place.

Next to the present highway was the summer residence of Dr. Reese Gregg from Mars Bluff, who had married Mary Ann McIver, daughter of Evander R. and Elizabeth Cowan McIver, niece of the Mary Ann McIver who married Rasha Cannon, to be mentioned later, and granddaughter of the third Sarah Kolb.<sup>6</sup> Thus the four McIver sisters, Elizabeth Law, Mary Ann Gregg, Harriet Ervin and Margaret Williamson were associated with three neighboring home places. Subsequently the Gregg house was bought by Chalmers Law who moved it to his plantation.

#### SPRINGVILLE ALONG SOCIETY HILL-DARLINGTON ROAD

Now at the junction of Springville Street with the road to Society Hill, we turn to the right on the latter and come within a third of a mile, to the John Lide place on the left and the John Lide Hart place on the right. In my time there were growing up in the John Lide home, among other children, Mattie Lide, who became Mrs. Patterson Wardlaw, wife of perhaps the greatest of recent southern educators, and Claudius Lide, who became a building contractor in Columbia and built the first brick school-house in Darlington.

John Lide Hart, who had a nice home across the way, had married Hannah Fountain, but was killed in the Civil War. It is understood that he had a buggy factory in Hartsville before moving to Springville. The

<sup>6</sup> So many people boast descent from "Sarah Kolb," it may be well to explain the numerology of "Sarah Kolbs" in this sketch. Johannes Kolb came to America in 1707 from the Palatinate (Bavaria). His wife was the "first Sarah Kolb" in America. Among their children were the "second Sarah Kolb," who married Maj. Robert Lide (his second wife), and Peter Kolb, who married Ann James. Among the children of the latter couple were Col. Abel Kolb, and the "third Sarah Kolb," who married Evander McIver. (From Kolb genealogical chart of Thos. Evans Wilson).

Harts were grandparents of Leon Coker, Thomas Coker of Hartsville, and some of the Byrds of Darlington. Both Lide and Hart homes still stand.

A little beyond was the home of Mrs. Hart's four Fountain sisters, built for them by John Lide Hart. Later it was the home of the Goodsons. Slightly farther on and a little back was the Gibson home, about which Mr. Ervin has a bit to say in Mrs. James' valuable paper.<sup>7</sup> In records of Darlington Court House is a deed of 1859 to S. A. Woods and J. A. Dargan for 64 acres in Springville, "on which is the summer residence of the late James S. Gibson." The plot of Wingate does not fully identify the location but indicates that it adjoins lands of J. O. B. Dargan and the estate of T. C. Williamson, to be named later. During the last part of the Civil War the Gonzales refueged in the Gibson house. In this family were two small boys, Ambrose and N. G. Gonzales, who later were to distinguish themselves in the newspaper world as founders of the *Columbia State*.

#### NORTHWARD ON SPRINGVILLE STREET

##### *Mt. Vernon, or Cannon Seat*

We go back to the junction and continue on the "street," which really becomes a street. On the left we pass immediately a low ground or "bay" commonly known as "*Robert Lide's Garden Spot*," because it was said that a Robert Lide (presumably Robert Pugh Lide, a brother of Evan J. Lide), had claimed that this small jungle known locally as "devil's woodyard," would be a fine spot for a garden. That seems to have been considered something of a joke, but the soil of this low "bay"-like place looks as if it had far more fertility than the ordinary Springville land.<sup>8</sup>

A third of a mile from the junction, the "street", which has been running straight for about a mile, makes a slight angle and continues straight for another mile. Less than half a mile from this bend we come to Cannon Seat, indicated on the Mills map of 1820 with the alternative name of Mt. Vernon. This was purchased in 1854 by my grandfather, Dr. Allen E. McIver, a nephew of Mrs. Rasha Cannon<sup>9</sup>; Mrs. McIver was a great

<sup>7</sup> Along the Darlington Society Hill highway, intersected by "the street," we have: on the east side, starting from Bronson's Bridge, lands of Gregg (Williamson), Hart, Fountain and Gibson; on the west side, lands of W. E. Charles (no building), A. E. McIver, John Lide, McIver again, and S. F. Ervin.

<sup>8</sup> Robert P. Lide owned Springville lands touching Black Creek, the highway, and lands of John Lide and Rasha Cannon. The "Garden Spot" must have been on land of his father Hugh Lide. In 1820 Robert P. Lide sold a very narrow but long strip of land to Rasha Cannon—probably a line connection. (Robert Lide moved to Ala., sometime preceding the emigration of his uncle James Lide). I could find no record of the sale of his principal lands.

<sup>9</sup> Mr. Ervin in "His Springville" said Rasha Cannon married Mary McIver, first cousin of Mrs. Harriet Ervin. Presumably this was a slip in Mr. Ervin's accurate

niece of Mrs. Henry Cannon. Dr. McIver had a diploma from a medical school in Philadelphia. It is understood that he never practiced medicine but continued as a "planter" in the old style, with a plantation on High Hill Creek, some seven miles away, until his early death in 1861 at the age of thirty-five. I have seen his diploma (burned with the house in 1893) and have his medical texts and a few of his instruments. His wife was Sarah Witherspoon Ervin, a sister of Dr. S. F. Ervin.

From information on a chart prepared by T. E. Wilson from data furnished by Misses Leslie and Sarah Llhuyd Charles (reliable informants), John Cannon, originally of Charleston, who died before the Revolution, had among other children a son, Henry Cannon, who served with General Marion, and a daughter, Elizabeth. "Elizabeth was stolen by one of the British General Tarleton's men when she was a tiny girl. Henry Cannon years later traced her to North Carolina. She had married a Mr. Hall, given birth to a son and died. Mr. Hall was also dead. So Mr. Cannon adopted the infant and gave him the name of Rasha Cannon." By the same record Rasha (Hall) Cannon married, the second time, Mary McIver. The McIver genealogical chart, compiled by V. McD. McIver, 1940, records Mary Ann McIver, daughter of Evander and Sarah Kolb McIver, as marrying Horatio Cannon ("descendants in the west.") We certainly ought to know more about the adventures of Elizabeth Cannon!<sup>10</sup>

Regardless of uncertainties as to Rasha Cannon's immediate ancestors, we know he was in his time one of the ablest and most public-spirited men of the region and that his was the first notable home in the Springville area. With Bright Williamson, James Ervin and others, he was a founder of St. John's Academy in Darlington. A benefactor of the Springville Academy, he gave lands for a prospective church that never came into being. As state senator he drafted for the first State Bank of South Carolina a charter, copy of which is now in possession of the family in Mississippi.

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memory. The McIver genealogical chart records only one cousin named Mary, who married Reverend Richard Furman and moved west. Mrs. Ervin's aunt Mary Ann McIver (also aunt of Allen E. McIver) is shown as the wife of "Horatio Cannon." Actually, Mr. Cannon used the name "Rasha." I find no indication that this name was an abbreviation of Horatio.

Among children of Henry and Mary Ervin Cannon were William Henry, and Hugh Ervin, ancestor of the Cannons of Hartsville.

<sup>10</sup> Published accounts of the Cannon genealogy are in conflict. That in Volume I, 745-762, of William Harllee's *Kinfolks*, conforms with the story given above. The first in America was John Cannon, father of Henry and grandfather of Rasha. In *Happy Heritage* (1941) Mrs. Lyndon Lee Cannon gives the name of Henry's father as Daniel. Rasha is not mentioned. In a letter J. M. Trice of Miss., a descendant of Rasha Cannon, quotes the latter's will (Lowndes County, Miss., Probate Record I, 448) that his grandfather was William Cannon, 1709-1782. Rasha was the adopted son of Henry Cannon. His parentage cannot now be stated.



Mr. Ervin, as quoted by Mrs. James, remembered that the Cannon house was one of the handsomest in Springville. That it was a home of some pretensions may be inferred also from the fact that on Mills' *Atlas* it rated distinctive designation. Presumably the Cannon house had burned some years before the place was purchased by Dr. McIver,<sup>11</sup> because he and his family used a small house back on the hill for a few years until he built, about 1858, the splendid home which was later to become our own family residence.

Mt. Vernon as it was remade by Allen E. and Sarah Witherspoon (Ervin) McIver, was a particularly fine residence and, exceptionally complete for the time in appointments of house and grounds. There were beautiful and elaborate plaster cornices, finely finished marble mantels in two rooms, and a most successfully constructed broad spiral staircase with heavy mahogany rail and newell. There were 10 rooms (8 of these approximately 20 x 20 x 12 feet), besides two pantries and a fairly large glass-enclosed and glass-roofed room called a "conservatory." There was a heavily columned one-story front veranda with brick and cement abutments to the high front entrance steps.

This house was modeled to some extent upon the John K. McIver house at Society Hill (now and for many years the Gandy house) in which Allen E. McIver, orphan son of Abel and Ann Chapman McIver, was reared by his uncle John Kolb McIver<sup>12</sup> (son of the "third Sarah Kolb") and his wife, Sarah Marshall, daughter of Captain Marshall who is said to have built the house about 1795, as one of the first in Society Hill. According to the late Mr. Fred Gandy, the Marshall house was extensively remodeled and improved by Mrs. McIver about 1830. On recent examination of this Society Hill house I was impressed with the similarities to Cannon Seat (or Mt. Vernon) in general design and in some of the details of mantels and cornices, but the Springville house was much larger and more elaborate.

The fences about yards and extensive gardens were finely finished and trimmed as well as painted. There was a carriage house, kitchen, smoke-house, warehouse, washhouse, barn and stables, a dairy building and a

<sup>11</sup> By deed in Darlington courthouse, Mt. Vernon place was sold Oct. 2, 1854, to Allen E. McIver by Robert Harlee of Marion and Wm. H. Cannon, executors of Wm. H. Cannon deceased, 174.1 acres, for \$3830.20 (\$22 an acre—quite valuable at the time). Wm. H. Cannon, Sr. had purchased the "seat" from Rasha Cannon in 1835. By information from Mrs. McIver, her daughter and S. F. Ervin, the place was "purchased from Rasha Cannon, who had gone west." Apparently all thought of it as "the Rasha Cannon home." Henry Cannon who adopted his nephew and named him "Rasha," was a member of the first legislature after the Revolution and married first Mary Ervin, among whose children were William Henry (b. 1783) and Hugh Ervin Cannon. (b. 1787).

<sup>12</sup> Elected governor of S. C., but declined because of ill health. McIver Chart.

glass-covered flower-pit. There were flower mounds of sandstone, a stone coping for an elaborate formal garden trimmed extensively with English boxwood, and designed by an English gardner named Reddy, who landscaped some other gardens of the region. The vegetable garden had been enriched with marl brought from a distance; one could find shells in it 30 years later in my early boyhood. There were also many nicely finished rose-trellises, hitching posts and a set of outdoor steps for the girls to use in mounting the horses. Almost nothing that could be thought of seems to have been omitted. Yet it was all done promptly, for Dr. McIver died in 1861, within a couple of years after the house was completed.

The straight avenue to the highway, in length a little more than half a mile, was not as long as that of the Hugh Lide place. The bathing place in the creek, with extended shallow sandbar and good swimming places, is one of the best of the whole region. A mineral spring of iron water, a so-called "cool spring" and a "wash spring," were all cleared and framed in reasonably good form. At least two other springs were familiar to us, and my brother and I found a sixth spring from whose untasty waters we drank freely. We both suffered after-effects as if we had taken a small dose of salts, and concluded that the water had magnesium salts, but I do not vouch for the correctness of our diagnosis.<sup>13</sup>

Allen E. and Sarah Witherspoon (Ervin) McIver had two daughters, Mary Ellison (which she changed to Mary Ervin) and Lavinia Victoria; and a niece, virtually adopted as a daughter, Mary Caroline Ervin, called Minna. Mary McIver was the first wife of W. C. Coker,<sup>14</sup> Lavinia the second wife. Minna, married Evander R. McIver, state treasurer about 1886 in the administration of Governor John Peter Richardson.

Although Mount Vernon remained in Mrs. McIver's possession to her death in 1907, it had, in 1883, become also the home of her son-in-law Capt. W. C. Coker and his family, and was the Coker home until Capt. Coker built in Darlington in 1893. It was a full house, with ten at the dining room table, including the grandmother, yet there was always room for visitors and for large "house parties" of the young in summers. The old house in Springville with much of its furniture and family papers burned in December 1893. It was unoccupied at the time and the fire was supposed to be incendiary.

<sup>13</sup> In the swamp near the creek was a levee to protect a low field, the only indication in Springville of agricultural development, and probably the work of Cannons.

<sup>14</sup> Children of W. C. and Mary Coker were: Allen M., late president of Bank of Darlington; Mary E.; Edward C., emer. professor of mathematics and astronomy, University of S. C.; Robert E., the present writer, Kenan professor of zoology, University of N. C.; Francis W., Hayes professor of government, emeritus, Yale; Dr. Sarah E., late medical director, child welfare service, New Mexico; and Lavinia C. Rogers.



I have tarried longer at this place than at others, partly because I know it best, partly because of the interesting Cannon history, partly because it was the first Springville home to appear on the published maps, and partly because the final house was the last to be built in pre-war Springville and perhaps the most elaborate. If old Springville had continued to grow, the next house doubtless would have overshadowed it.

*The Academy Section, with Many Homes*

Next to Mt. Vernon on the left along the same side of the street, was the second and final site of the Springville Academy, which was pointed out to us by my grandmother, Mrs. Hannah Lide Coker, who had attended school there in the "twenties." Its land was part of the Mt. Vernon tract. At the time there was nothing to mark the place but a small heap of brick in the woods on top of a sandy hill.

A little beyond and across the small Poplar Branch was the fine home of Major Sam Bacot. It has been reported that the handsome house was built by our bachelor great-uncle, John Westfield Lide, for his mother, Mary Westfield Holloway, third wife of our regionally famous Maj. Robert Lide of Marion's Brigade in the Revolution. This is certainly incorrect as to the purpose, since Mrs. Lide died in 1809, while her son John Westfield was a small boy. It is understood that she was then living with her very young daughter, Hannah Lide Hart in the latter's Hartsville home, now the beautiful Kalmia Garden, owned by Mrs. D. R. Coker. It is remarkable that so large a house should have been constructed in Springville so early and been built by a bachelor. I am unable to find a date for its construction. Fortunately, it stands now in an excellent state of preservation with extensive and pleasing renovation by the present owners, the Clarence Atkinsons.<sup>15</sup>

The house now has 12 rooms, including two made from the spacious first-floor hall. The broad veranda runs along three sides. The nicely grouped pillars are outside and rest on masonry bases. Within, the wood mantels and trim are simply but elegantly molded, as is the plaster cornicing. The gracefully formed stairway with mahogany railing and newel commands attention. An interesting and locally unique feature of this house is found in the large French windows that slide into the walls on either side—and still slide easily!

<sup>15</sup> According to McCall-Atkinson deed in Darlington C. H., John N. Lide, who died in 1858, left the place to his sister Hannah Hart of Hartsville. Her son Thomas E. Hart conveyed it to Samuel Bacot in 1881, who left it to relatives, the Laws. H. B. and G. B. Law transferred it to Mrs. Josephine McCall, who conveyed it to her children, of whom Clarence sold it to Atkinson. It included 132 acres on Black Creek. An Atkinson now owns Mt. Vernon also.

I well remember Maj. Sam Bacot as a white-haired, white-bearded and dignified man of soft voice and most polite manners—who nearly always traveled afoot the four miles to Darlington or the fifteen to Hartsville, carrying an umbrella or cane. Although having a large and elegant home, the original John Lide house, he was doubtless in extremely straightened circumstances, as, indeed, were most of the people of Springville and the county in my boyhood days of the eighties and the nineties.

We now go back to Mt. Vernon and inquire into homes that were across the "street" to the left of McIver's Avenue. I had known as a boy that



*Photo by F. A. Wells, 1952*

THE JOHN LIDE-BACOT-ATKINSON HOUSE

several home sites, as well as one of the sites of the Springville Academy were between the avenue and Poplar Branch to the north. Settlements were much closer together here than in most of Springville, and lands were sold sometimes as "lots". To be accounted for are an Academy site, the summer homes of W. E. James, Samuel A. Woods, John F. Ervin, and Samuel Wilds, and a lot owned by S. F. Ervin. These five places cannot at present be placed in exact order, although a study of two deeds in Darlington Courthouse affords clear leads.

The deed to A. E. McIver indicates that lands of William E. James,

Samuel Woods and the Society Hill-Darlington road were to the east. Presumably the James and Woods lands faced on the street. To the north were lands of John W. Lide (identified), William E. James, John F. Ervin, Samuel F. Ervin and S. Wilds. The four last-mentioned lots seem to have run from McIver's Avenue to Poplar Branch and the John W. Lide lands. The James lot must have been at the intersection of the avenue and the street.

The James lot would have been the summer home of William E. and Mary Ervin James, grandparents of Robert, Emmie, Frazer and Kenneth James (husband of Sue Flynn James), as well as of Willie, Albert and Bettie James. Mrs. James was the sister of Mrs. A. E. McIver.<sup>16</sup> In the James house, according to Mr. Ervin, the Allstons from the low country lived as "refugees" during the Civil War.

Mr. S. F. Ervin said that Mr. James came to Springville from Williamsburg, where, at "King's Tree," were the first homes in America of both Jameses and Ervins. Ervins, Jameses, Ellisons and Witherspoons in the old home region were very much interrelated. Among Springville folks, we have encountered the Ellison name only in the maiden name of Mrs. Wilds and the middle name of Mary E. McIver (Coker); the Witherspoon name only as the middle name of Mrs. McIver.

Next along the street was the home of Samuel A. and Martha DuBose Woods, parents of Judge Charles A. Woods of Marion and his well-known brothers, and grandparents of many members of Darlington Historical Society, including one of the founders, Woods Dargan.

It is probable that a site of the Academy was between the James and Woods lots. At one time, according to Mr. Ervin, it was conducted in the John F. Ervin house, and for a time a branch of the school was in the Richard Bacot place across Poplar Branch between the John Lide-Samuel Bacot home and the highway.

Going eastward along McIver's Avenue, next after the James lot was a summer home of Col. John F. Ervin and his wife Caroline Ervin of Cheraw, the grandparents of E. R. McIver ("Rick") and other McIvers of Palmetto, Florida and North Carolina. A plot of record in the Courthouse shows that this lot extended back to Poplar Branch. Col. John F. Ervin was the oldest brother of Dr. Samuel F. Ervin and Sarah Witherspoon (Ervin) McIver. Described as one of the wealthiest men in the state, Col. Ervin was elected lieutenant-governor of South Carolina in 1844. Both he and his wife died relatively young, leaving one child, Mary Caroline ("Minna"), said to be "the richest woman in South Carolina." Minna McIver was brought up at

<sup>16</sup> Wm. E. James in 1848 purchased 15 acres from estate of Wm. H. Cannon on waters of Black Creek, Springville. A plat by Wingate is not found. In 1858 W. E. James purchased the summer residence of John F. Ervin.

Mt. Vernon by her aunt, Mrs. Allen E. McIver (Sarah Witherspoon Ervin), the only one of her whole family of sisters, brothers, parents and grandparents (except one grandmother, Elizabeth Ervin) who lived beyond middle age. John F. Ervin died in 1856. His "summer residence" in Springville was sold through administrators to W. E. James in 1858. The place comprised  $6\frac{1}{2}$  acres and adjoined "lots" of Samuel H. Wilds, William E. James, and A. E. McIver, and a "lot" formerly owned by Samuel F. Ervin.

John F., Dr. Samuel F., and Sarah Elizabeth Ervin were children of Robert Ervin whose extensive holdings of lands were in the Back Swamp region not too far from Mechanicsville. Robert Ervin's parents were Hugh and Elizabeth Witherspoon Ervin. He is said to have been strongly anti-nullification, a *Union* man in the state's Nullification Convention. Robert's uncle James Ervin was twice elected to Congress (1817-21) as a "protectionist,"<sup>17</sup> although the family were all agriculturists and in no way associated with industry. James Robert Ervin of Cheraw, a first cousin of Robert Ervin's wife (Elizabeth Fulton Ervin), was "the acknowledged leader of the Union party in his section of the State" (O'Neal's *Bench and Bar*). The sentiment of the region could not have been strongly on the side taken by Calhoun in later years. Rasha Cannon, it may be noted, was also a "Union" man.

A lot, without building, on the left of McIver's Avenue, was owned in my youth by Miss Mamie Fraser of Sumter (now Mrs. Don Young of Stockton, Cal.), daughter of the first Judge Thomas Fraser, and half-sister of Justice Thomas Fraser, Jr. Judge Fraser's first wife, Sarah McIver was half-sister of Allen McIver, and his second wife, Elizabeth James, a niece of Mrs. McIver. Presumably Miss Fraser had inherited the place through her mother from her grandfather James.

Farther along the avenue was the home of Col. Samuel<sup>18</sup> and Ann Ellison Wilds, parents of (among others) Robert E. Wilds already mentioned as marrying Elizabeth Law, Hugh Wilds of Darlington, Lewis Wilds of Columbia, and George Wilds of Winnsboro, whose son George headed the Pedigreed Seed Company in Hartsville. The Samuel F. Ervin lot in this area must have been between the Wilds lot and the highway. There is no record of a building on it; his home was some distance to the south.

Back on the Street, and across Poplar Branch on the right between the John Lide-Bacot place and the highway was the house of Richard Bacot.

<sup>17</sup> Letter (1949) from clerk of House of Rep., Washington, who adds that Ervin declined to be candidate in 1820.

<sup>18</sup> Samuel Wilds was grandson of Samuel Wilds who married Ann Lide, and nephew of Peter Wilds of Springville. Judge Samuel Wilds of Society Hill was nephew of Samuel and Ann Lide Wilds. Evans chart, through Mrs. A. H. Rogers.

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Somewhere along here was the home of T. C. Williamson. I have never seen signs of these two places. T. C. Williamson probably is the Thomas Williamson who married Sarah Wilds, daughter of Samuel and Annie Lide Wilds. He was the father of Lawrence Williamson, so long cashier of the old Bank of Darlington.

*Continuing Northward, Region of Harmony Hall and the Postoffice.*

Beyond the John Lide place were other lands of Rasha Cannon, extending to Salter's Branch. I have no knowledge of a house on it—could the Williamson house have been there? Next was the summer home of James and Jane Holloway Lide, across Salter's Branch. The name Salter seems unknown here now. No one has pointed out to me the James and Jane Lide place, but, according to their daughters, Mrs. Caleb Coker and Mrs. Mariah Pouncey, the place was distinguished by a particularly fine spring and was close to the Hugh Lide home.<sup>19</sup> Mr. A. H. Rogers and I located the spring and certainly there is no other such spring in the whole region of Springville. The only sign of a house we could find was a pile of brick completely covered over by a small negro house. The James Lide summer house is understood to have been small and unimposing. James and Jane Lide moved in November–December 1835 to Pleasantville, Alabama.<sup>20</sup> They had a large family of children, most of whom moved to Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas. One daughter, Hannah Ann, who married Caleb Coker, remained in the region, living in and near Society Hill and leaving many descendants, including the families of Wilson and Edwards of Darlington, Coker and Rogers of Society Hill, Hartsville and elsewhere.

Next is the old Hugh Lide place, the location of Harmony Hall, so well described in Dr. E. C. Dargan's book of that title. Hugh Lide, brother of James and half-brother of John Lide, married Elizabeth Pugh. Among their children were: Robert Pugh Lide, who moved to Alabama; Evan J. Lide; Sarah Kolb Lide, who married Col. E. W. Charles and lived in Darlington; Thomas P. Lide, who with his wife, Elizabeth Sparks of Society Hill, had the home called White Plains across Black Creek; and Margaret Jane Frances Lide, who married the regionally famous Reverend J. O. B. Dargan, D.D., and seems to have inherited the Springville home. Jane Lide as a child in 1835 accompanied her cousin Hannah Lide Coker with Mary Hart and their bachelor uncle John Lide, on the long carriage

<sup>19</sup> I have found no record of a deed; in Plot Book 1, p. 34, is a plat of James Lide's place, 137 acres, bounded N. W. by Hugh Lide, S. E. by Salter's Branch and Rasha Cannon, S. W. by Black Creek, and N. E. by Benjamin Lewis.

<sup>20</sup> For their adventures, see Fletcher M. Green, ed., *The Lides go South and West* (Columbia: South Caroliniana Library, 1952).

drive to the springs of Virginia. In the same year Mrs. Coker's parents, James and Jane Lide, and some of her brothers and sisters abandoned Springville for Alabama. A moving account of the departure of the Lides with large covered wagon, other wagons, carriage, and saddle horses, is given by Mrs. Jane Wilson in her charming booklet: *Memories of Society Hill and Some of Its People* (Privately printed, 1909-10.) She adds that thereafter Hugh Lide acted *in loco parentis* to the remaining Lides and their children. Bishop Gregg mentions Hugh Lide as "remarkable for strength of character and solidarity of understanding", but of retiring disposition.

I have always been sorry that I could not have known "The Rev. J. O. B.," whose name or initials was usually mentioned in tones suggesting affection and respect bordering on veneration. He died in 1882. Apparently, there was combined in him pronounced strength of character with notable gentleness of manner, the capacity for moving eloquence in pulpit or on platform, with joviality and Irish humor among family and friends. For a long time he was pastor of the Old Pine Log Church at Black Creek, near Dovesville. Mr. Dargan was more than a preacher. He had an extensive plantation in the western part of the county. A vivid word picture of him is in the delightful book written by his son about the home, the family and their lives. Almost every old community has had at some time a few patriarchs of such general and unquestioned esteem as to stand out enduringly from the pages of its history. Certainly Springville had such in the Rev. J. O. B. Dargan and Mr. T. P. Lide.

Brothers of Dr. J. O. B. Dargan were the well-known Chancellor Dargan and Mr. E. W. Dargan, previously mentioned as having a home in Springville and as the father of Congressman George W. Dargan.

The original Hugh Lide house was of logs and, doubtless, was only a summer house. Eventually it became the servants' quarters. Dr. E. C. Dargan implies that the "new house" was built after the first child (Furman) was born to the senior Dr. Dargan and his wife. This would have been about 1839—or in a period when a good many old summer houses were beginning to give place to substantial permanent residences. Dr. E. C. Dargan's *Harmony Hall*<sup>21</sup> is an invaluable book, not only for its account of this house and the life in and around it, but also for the intriguing picture it gives of southern country life, before, during and immediately after the Civil War. According to Dr. Dargan, Hugh Lide built first about 1820 and named the region "Springville." This statement gains support from the facts that Springville appears in Robert Mills' *Statistics* of 1826, being there shown as in the vicinity of Hugh Lide's home.

<sup>21</sup> Edwin Charles Dargan, *Harmony Hall: Recollections of an Old Southern Home* (Columbia, 1912).



In my childhood years of the eighties the Dargan home was unoccupied except for occasional summer visits, although the place was kept up by old family servants, Jo, Dred and Cudjo, three brothers who bore the name of Jones. A few years ago I visited the place and found it in rather bad state of repair. It is a pleasure to hear that someone is now renovating it.

Among the several children of the Reverend J. O. B. and Jane Dargan, the most widely known as preacher, lecturer and writer was Dr. E. C. Dargan, at different times pastor of the Citadel Square Baptist Church in Charleston, professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., and president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He was the author of several scholarly books and papers on the Bible, besides the booklet, *Harmony Hall*, of such interest for Springville. A son, Preston, was professor of romance languages in the University of North Carolina and the University of Chicago. The oldest brother, Furman Dargan, was the father of Ralph and Margaret Dargan of Darlington. Two sisters were the first and second wives of Dr. E. J. Forrester, a well-known Baptist minister. *Harmony Hall* was also the home of Miss Hannah Dabbs, a distant relation but an intimate member of the family, and repeatedly referred to by Dr. E. C. Dargan as "second mother."

Children of Col. E. W. Charles and his wife Sarah (daughter of Hugh Lide) were: Andrew B. Charles who married Mary Ann Williamson; Mary Ann Lide Charles who married W. F. B. Haynesworth of Sumter; and Hugh Lide Charles who married Caroline Bacot. Misses Leslie and Lalla Charles, the daughters of Maj. Hugh and Caroline (Bacot) Charles, lived long in the old Darlington home of Hugh Charles and left many extremely valuable historical relics, now owned by Dr. McIver Wilcox. Included among these are former possessions of Evan Pugh, who, by family tradition, was taught surveying by George Washington. The beautiful Pugh silver service, cherished by the Misses Charles is said to be a duplicate of the service at Mount Vernon, and it was thought that Washington and Pugh ordered at the same time. Evan Pugh gave up surveying for the ministry but is said to have continued visiting President Washington at Mount Vernon.

Mr. Pugh's sermon in 1799 "commemorative" of the death of Washington was deemed worthy of special note by Gregg; unfortunately, Gregg cites only its biblical text, as evidence that Mr. Pugh could speak with assurance of Washington's religious convictions. The only known connection of the Rev. Evan Pugh with Springville was as the father of Mrs. Hugh Lide and thus as grandfather of E. P. Lide, T. P. Lide, Mrs. J. O. B. Dargan and Mrs. E. W. Charles. His son James and wife Frances (Holloway) Pugh, were ancestors of the McLeans and Coits of Cheraw.

Although Maj. Hugh Charles did not live in Springville, he owned ex-

tensive woodlands between our home Mount Vernon, the Society Hill-Darlington highway, and Black Creek to Brunson's Bridge. My brother, E. C. Coker, tried for a long time to persuade our father to buy this tract of land, and was finally authorized to broach the subject to the owner. The negotiations were brief. Maj. Charles' manner gave unmistakable finality to his short reply: "Young man, *our grandfather* owned that land!"

At the very end of Springville Street and hardly a third of a mile beyond Harmony Hall was the home of Col. Hopkins Charles (brother of Col. E. W. Charles), who had married Miss Louisa Dubose, a sister of Mrs. Edwin Dargan. Mrs. James tells about their children in "His Springville."

Now at the end of the "street", we are in the general region of the "*Springville Post Office*" as shown on early maps. We are in the general location, too, of the "Springville" of Mills' *Atlas*, shown as a town with city-blocks, merely a cartological symbol for a community.<sup>22</sup>

#### SPRINGVILLE WEST OF BLACK CREEK

We do not stop in the region of the old postoffice, but turn sharply left to follow through the swamp, a road that roughly parallels Black Creek to Lide's Bridge. Crossing this now non-existent bridge we proceed westward up the hill to the home places of Capt. and Mrs. William Charles on the left and that of Mr. T. P. Lide and his wife, Elizabeth Sparks Lide, on the right. The Charles house was originally the DeLessaline place. It became the home of Mr. William Charles through his marriage to Miss Zimmerman.

"Mr. T. P.," or "Uncle Thomas" Lide, as he was known to many, including my mother's family—who certainly could have had only a distant relationship—was indubitably one of Springville's "grand old men." I saw him only once when I was a child about five years old, or younger, and had been taken to his home by my grandmother, Mrs. McIver. He made a lasting impression on me, partly from his fine appearance, partly from his lively and pleasing manner, and partly from his exceptional thoughtfulness and kindness in arranging for the entertainment of a small child, who, as I recall too well, did not behave creditably. An account of him and his notable qualities is given in the booklet commemorating the sesquicentennial of the Welsh Neck Baptist Church.

Although not a preacher, Mr. Lide, in the strongly religious communities with which he was associated, was particularly active and prominent in church work, as well as in public affairs. A trustee of Furman University and one of the original trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, he is reputed to have been an effective speaker, distinguished for

<sup>22</sup> Jedediah Morse's *New Universal Gazetteer* 1823, does not list Springville, but mentions Society Hill and Mechanicsville.



both humor and seriousness in the presentation of earnest convictions. His repute as a generous and gracious host long survived him. His home is said to have been called jocularly: "The Baptist Hotel". Dr. James Furman, who had been a guest at White Plains, while somewhat indisposed, told with deep appreciation of Mr. Lide's insistence on seeing him to the train in Camden—a carriage jaunt of only some forty miles.<sup>23</sup>

The T. P. Lide home was called White Plains. Originally, according to Mr. Lide's granddaughter, Mrs. Bessie Lide, a Mr. Thomas lived here.



Photo by F. A. Wells, 1952

"WHITE PLAINS," THE DUBOSE-T. P. LIDE-BLACKMAN HOME

The Thomas home was bought by Isaiah DuBose, who built in 1822 the large home now standing. The glass-enclosed cupola on top was removed a long time ago, as well as the detached "Library" at the side of the large front yard. A broad veranda, or piazza, extends across the front and along most of the two sides. The pleasing front door under a glass "fan", the French windows, the ornamental porch railing, the eaves brackets and the chimneys, show the thought in architectural design. Within, were paneled

<sup>23</sup> Hoyt and Keys, *Historical Sketch, Welsh Neck Baptist Church, Society Hill, S. C.* (Greenville, 1889).

wainscoting, mahogany-railed stairway, neatly molded mantels and trim of doors and windows, and plaster cornicing. The house has suffered some from unavoidable neglect; but, in the hands of the present owners and occupants, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Blackman of the Bank of Hartsville, it is being pleasingly renovated, beginning on the inside.

Mr. DuBose's son, Henry, sold this place to Mr. T. P. Lide, from whom it passed to his son Leighton and wife, Betty Wilds Lide, and then to their children. Mrs. Betty Wilds Lide, so widely esteemed for her exceptional poise, intelligence and charm, besides keeping a beautiful home and garden, seemed to read widely and to be always alert to what went on out-of-doors with the flowers and the birds. We began with the childhood home of Betty Wilds at the beginning of Springville. We are about to end the tour with the last home of the same Betty Wilds, who became Mrs. Leighton Lide.

It may yet be added, however, that the old Brearly home seems to have been a little beyond and farther back from the road, about where Mr. Alva Coggeshall's home was built later. The Rev. William Brearly was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Darlington in prewar days, and seems to have been greatly esteemed for his social as well as for his religious qualities. He purchased the home from a Mr. Killen in 1842. The place was bounded by lands of T. P. Lide and J. P. Zimmerman and by Black Creek.<sup>24</sup> The colored people of the vicinity still refer to the "Brahley Bottom". This completes our brief week-end tour of about twenty-six homes and two locations of the school.

To me Springville seems to have been a more than ordinarily delightful and significant community in which people lived pleasantly and generally comfortably, in which they had social engagements and talked business and politics, in which they presumably mulled over questions of proper education and proper behavior for the young, in which they cherished memories of old homes at Mechanicsville, Black Swamp, Mars Bluff, Society Hill, Williamsburg or Darlington, in which they thought and planned careers and perhaps new homes "out west", in Alabama or Mississippi or Texas, in which they no doubt had their disappointments and their conflicts, but in which they lived lives that were peaceful and successful in the highest sense, and in which, above all, children were reared. The children of one generation or another went out to Darlington, Hartsville, Columbia, or Charleston, to Georgia, California, Alabama or Texas, to Chicago or New York, to Europe or Asia or elsewhere, to win their own successes or make their own failures. We may well be impressed by the proportion of notable successes. These children, or grandchildren, of a

<sup>24</sup> Mrs. Ezra C. Lide, "The Old Brearly Home in Springville," MS. Darlington Historical Society.

lost community have carried widely some of the traditions of the Springville of a century and more ago.

The physical qualities of the Springville area which led to its being a community of distinction are still there, except that most of the primeval pines and cypresses of the narrow swamp have long been converted into lumber. The attractive building sites, the good bathing, the good drainage and the abundant springs, the dogwood, myrtle and jessamine are still there. Some day it may be a populous and lively community again.

EIGHTEENTH-CENTURY ORGANISTS OF ST.  
MICHAEL'S, CHARLESTON

By GEORGE W. WILLIAMS

(Continued from July)

PETER VALTON

On October 23, 1764, Peter Valton arrived in Charleston from London aboard the *Heart of Oak* to take the post of organist at St. Philip's, vacant by the dismissal of Benjamin Yarnold.<sup>42</sup> He was engaged for a three-year period and his subscription was assured for £50. The London agents who had engaged him for St. Philip's sent this letter:

Mr. Valton came highly recommended to us, not only for his abilities in musick, but as a young Gentleman of a prudent and obliging behaviour, he gave proofs of the former before very Competent Judges of Musick; and we cannot but be perfectly satisfied with every other part of his character from all which we have great Expectation that he will render you and the worthy Inhabitants of your Parish much satisfaction and meet with due encouragement.

We cannot omit to mention that Mr. Valton has for some years acted as deputy organist to Dr. Boyce, Dr. Nares, and Mr. Keeble, at the King's Chapel Westminster Abbey and St. George's Hanover Square which shews (though so young a gentleman) his being long conversant in Church Musick and that under those great Masters he had had the best school in this kingdom for his improvement.<sup>43</sup>

He remained at St. Philip's until 1781, perhaps the most active musician during the colonial period. He advertised as a teacher of harpsichord a few days after his arrival in Charleston, promising "the greatest punctuality in his Attendance," and was in addition a dealer in spinets and harpsichords. He gave frequent concerts personally and with the St. Cecilia Society and supervised others in which he presented his pupils.<sup>44</sup> He became

<sup>42</sup> Minutes Vestry St. Philip's, 1754-1774, Oct. 29, 1764. *SCG*, Oct. 29, 1764.

<sup>43</sup> Minutes St. Michael's, p. 86; Minutes Vestry St. Philip's Oct. 29, 1764; Dec. 1, 8, 1766; Jan. 4, Oct. 3, 1768. Valton can only have acted as an unofficial deputy at the Abbey, for the archives reveal no trace of him (Lawrence E. Tanner, keeper of muniments and library, to the writer, Nov. 3, 1951). Dr. William Boyce, prominent musician of eighteenth-century London, was organist of Chapel Royal from 1758 to his death in 1779 (cf. *St. Michael's*, pp. 221, 219 and n.). John Keeble was organist of St. George's, Hanover Square, from 1737 until his death in 1786. James Nares, noted composer, was appointed organist of York Minster in 1734 and of the Chapel Royal in 1756.

<sup>44</sup> *SCG*, Nov. 5, 1764. Sonneck, pp. 15, 16, 21. *SCG*, Oct. 31, 1765, March 21, 1768, April 16, 1772, Jan. 21, 1773, Jan. 31, 1774; *S. C. and American General Gazette*, April 3, 1769. He resided at "Mr. Coats's in Tradd Street." Several concerts were at Dock

a member of St. Andrew's Society in 1768, and in 1767 of Union Kilwinning Lodge of Masons. He was married by the Rev. Robert Smith on November 1, 1767, to Elizabeth, daughter of Peter Timothy, of the *South Carolina Gazette*. Valton's daughter, Harriett, was baptized one year later, and a son, Peter Smith, on August 2, 1771.<sup>45</sup>

A composer of some proficiency, Valton while in London wrote several catches and glees:

"Divine Cecilia." Catch for three voices.

"Hated by fools." Catch for three voices.

"Here rests his head." Part song for three voices.

"Mills, thunders, hammers." Catch for four voices.

"Peace! thou white rob'd child." Serious glee for four voices.

"Says Sir John." Catch for three voices.

"'Twas in the merry month of May." Catch for three voices.<sup>46</sup>

He set to music an ode, "Gratitude and Love," for performance at the Theater in Queen Street on April 3, 1766.<sup>47</sup> His Opus I, Six Sonatas for Harpsichord or Organ, with Violin Obbligato, was offered for publication in 1768.<sup>48</sup> He was the composer of an anthem for the Masonic installation of the Hon. Egerton Leigh as Grand Master, February 20, 1770, "While Pallas and Phoebus in grand council sat"; of a Masonic ode for St. John the Evangelist's Day, 1772, "Behold the Social band appears," written by Sir Egerton; and of an anthem for the anniversary meeting of the Clergy Relief Society, October 6, 1774.<sup>49</sup> He contributed to Charleston

Street Theater. A pupil was the daughter of Thomas Elfe, cabinet-maker (cf. E. Milby Burton, *Thomas Elfe, Charleston Cabinet-Maker (Charleston Museum Leaflet No. 25)* [Charleston, 1952]); frequent references to Valton are in Thomas Elfe's Account Book, this *Magazine*, XXXV, 160; XXXVI, 85, 131; XXXIX, 88, 161; XLI, 61; and XXXV-XLII (1934-1941, *passim*). At the concert Feb. 2, 1773, George Harland Hartley was first violin (*SCG*, Jan. 21, 1773).

<sup>45</sup> *St. Andrew's Society of the City of Charleston* (Charleston, 1892), p. 35; Joseph B. Hyde, *Union Kilwinning Lodge No. 4* (Charleston [1930]), p. 47; *S. C. and American General Gazette*, Nov. 6, 1767; *S. C. Gazette and Country Journal*, Nov. 3, 1767; Register St. Philip's Parish.

<sup>46</sup> These are preserved in Thomas Warren, *Collection of Catches* (London 1771, 1773), II, 39, 127; and *Vocal Harmony* (London, 1765), pp. 161, 209, 240-241; and in The Catch Club Original manuscript collection (London, 1773), II, 36; X, 80; copies are in Boston Public Library (to whom I am indebted for this bibliography), in New York Public Library, and in collection of Mrs. Josephine L. Hughes, Charleston.

<sup>47</sup> Mr. Cohen, from *S. C. Gazette and Country Journal*, April 1, 1766. Cf. Eola Willis, p. 54.

<sup>48</sup> *SCG*, Oct. 2, 10, 31, 1768. To have cost £4 currency. There is no evidence these were published.

<sup>49</sup> *SCG*, Feb. 21, March 8, 1770; text in full in A. G. Mackey, *History of Freemasonry in S. C.* (Columbia, 1861), pp. 42-43. *SCG*, Dec. 31, 1772; Oct. 10, 1774.

*No. 1. St. Peter's. (Valton)*

*Psalm 46.*

*No. 2. St. Philip's. (Valton)*

*Psalm 12.*

*No. 3. St. John's New. (Valton)*

*Psalm 6.*

## PSALM TUNES BY VALTON

From MS Choirmaster's Book of Jacob Eckhard

Episcopal church music eleven psalm and hymn tunes: St. Peter's, St. Philip's, St. John's New, St. Michael's, St. Anne's New, Magdalen (two tunes), St. Paul's, St. Andrew's, St. John's Old, and St. Mark's.<sup>50</sup> The

<sup>50</sup> Reproduced from Eckhard's choirmaster's book. Copies are in a manuscript music book of about same period in Charleston Museum. "Magdalen" is attributed to Valton, "St. Michael's," revived for service at St. Michael's, Feb. 10, 1952, was set to the hymn, "O blest Creator of the light."





cepted of." He remained at St. Michael's for perhaps two full years. He died February 10, 1784.<sup>61</sup>

No. 34. *St. Pauls* | Walton |

*Psalm 3.*

No. 35. *St. Andrews.* | Walton |

*Psalm 13.*

No. 38. *St. Johns Old.* | Walton |

*Psalm 1.*

PSALM TUNES BY WALTON

From MS Choirmaster's Book of Jacob Eckhard

JERVIS HENRY STEVENS

Jervis Henry Stevens, son of John and Mary Stevens, born in London, June 26, 1750, came with his family while a youth to Georgia before settling

<sup>61</sup> Minutes, p. 158; *S. C. Weekly Gazette*, Feb. 13, 1784.



permanently in Charleston. He showed his musical interests early in life and substituted for his father on St. Michael's organ bench. At the latter's

No. 78. *St. Michael's.* *1 Voluntary*

No. 20 *Hackney.* *3 Ps. Stevens*

PSALM TUNES BY VALTON AND STEVENS

From MS Choirmaster's Book of Jacob Eckhard

death in 1772, he applied for the position but was defeated by Mrs. Ann Windsor.<sup>52</sup>

He succeeded his father as deputy postmaster for Charleston and as secretary to the deputy postmaster-general and in these capacities took

<sup>52</sup> Obituary in *Courier*, July 31, 1828; Minutes, p. 120; *SCG*, June 4, 18, 1772.

part in a brief drama of patriotism. On July 2, 1775, he was keeping the post office, then at the corner of Longitude Alley and the Bay, and guarding particularly several important secret letters just arrived on the packet

No. 22. 40<sup>th</sup> Psalm Magdalen 1<sup>st</sup> Part.

No. 23. 40<sup>th</sup> Psalm Magdalen 2<sup>d</sup> Part.

No. 24. Church Street 9<sup>th</sup> 76. Ravens

HYMN AND PSALM TUNES BY STEVENS

From MS Choirmaster's Book of Jacob Eckhard

Swallow from England. William Henry Drayton, chairman of the Secret Committee, with two others, resolved to steal these letters and at the post office demanded the English mail of Stevens. He refused to surrender

his charge and though threatened with violence would not deliver it to the patriots. Determined to secure the letters, the three outnumbered Stevens and forcibly took them.<sup>53</sup>

Shortly after the beginning of the Revolution, "when he had scarcely recovered from a severe fit of illness," Stevens volunteered for service with Col. Hezekiah Maham's Cavalry. Appointed adjutant with the rank of captain, he served until the close of the war, participating in every engagement of the Regiment and "frequently employed in separate and confidential enterprises."

"His estate being exhausted on the altar of patriotism, the return of peace found him, like most of his associates, bereft of all but 'his good name,' and a heart purely American."<sup>54</sup>

He was rewarded for his services by a grant of land in the upper part of the state. He continued active in military affairs and was in 1813 quartermaster of a cavalry regiment attached to the Seventh Brigade of South Carolina Militia.<sup>55</sup>

He returned to St. Michael's for a temporary position as organist from August 1, 1783, to April 1, 1784. During this time he was under the influence of the rector, the Rev. Henry Purcell, a musician himself, at whose suggestion probably, Stevens composed the hymn tunes, "Church Street" and "Hackney."<sup>56</sup>

He married in December, 1775 Elizabeth Davis, daughter of the Rev. John Davis of St. Mark's Parish,<sup>57</sup> and secondly on December 23, 1784, Susannah, widow of Capt. Philip Sullivan. She died February 7, 1811. Their daughter Mary Ann Jane, baptized December 13, 1791, later married Lionel H. Kennedy.<sup>58</sup>

Stevens was active in Masonry, serving as Grand Pursuivant of the Grand Lodge of Ancient York Masons, 1791-1796, Grand Marshall, 1799-1800, and Deputy Grand Master in 1815. He was also secretary and treasurer of the Amateur Society, a musical organization.<sup>59</sup>

By 1790 Stevens was organist at St. Philip's, a post he was to hold for

<sup>53</sup> John Drayton, *Memoirs of the American Revolution* (Charleston, 1821), I, 309; SCG, June 4, 1772.

<sup>54</sup> This *Magazine*, XXVII (Oct., 1926), 217-218; Obituary.

<sup>55</sup> Bounty Grants to Revolutionary Soldiers IV, office of S. C. Historical Commission; *Charleston City Directory*, 1813.

<sup>56</sup> *MS Coll.*, Add. MSS; "Church Street" was revived for the service, Feb. 10, 1952, set to the hymn "How firm a foundation."

<sup>57</sup> *S. C. and American General Gazette*, December 15, 1775. F. Dalcho, *Episcopal Church in South Carolina* (Charleston, 1821), p. 323.

<sup>58</sup> *Gazette of State of S. C.*, Dec. 27, 1784; *Courier*, Feb. 11, 1811; *Register St. Philip's. Carolina Gazette*, June 15, 1811.

<sup>59</sup> Mackey, pp. 75-77; *Courier*, Dec. 19, 1815; this *Magazine*, XXXII (April, 1931), 79 and 78.

twenty-five years. His salary of £45 was increased in 1806 to £80. On January 1, 1809, after some sort of irregularity, he was ordered by the vestry to conform to the rubrics of the book of Common Prayer. In June of that year he ordered twelve prayer books for the choir, and the next May twelve hymn books. He resigned from this position in the late summer of 1815.<sup>60</sup> Like many another, he found music not sufficiently rewarding financially. Coroner for Charleston District from 1802 through 1822, he was from 1801 reelected annually for nearly twenty consecutive years as city sheriff.<sup>61</sup>

Jervis Henry Stevens died July 21, 1828, "of the prevailing epidemic after an illness of two days," and was buried in the family vault in St. Philip's churchyard, the Rev. Samuel Gilman, of the Unitarian Church officiating. His will left his daughter "all my silver and plate, Trinets, my two gold watches Cloathing Bed and table Linning Books papers Household furniture Kitching furniture Crockary and Glassware Carriages Musick Bonds notes accounts"; and gave instructions for the sale of his wooden houses, "as all wooden houses require constant repairing and great expence to keep them in tenantable order;" also his lots in Tradd Street, numbers 118, 120, 122, 124; as well as "the whole of my slaves negroes and Mulattoes Except my old Servant George whom I wish to leave on care of my beloved daughter Mary Ann Jane Kennedy for his faithfull Services rendered to me during the Revolutionary War and to request he may be treated with kindness while he lives."<sup>62</sup>

#### WILLIAM YARNOLD

William Yarnold served from the death of Benjamin Yarnold, "until another can be procured," June 16, 1787, to May 10, 1789, at a salary of £50.<sup>63</sup>

<sup>60</sup> Minutes Commissioners of Charleston Orphan House, I, 57. *Charleston City Directory*, 1790. Minutes Vestry St. Philip's, 1804-1812, pp. 77, 128, 141, 224, 230, 244. On Dec. 2, 1809, he asked that a window be cut in the organ loft (*ibid.*, p. 236). From Eckhard's choirmaster's book it appears that St. Michael's choir was using the preliminary hymnal of 1785. *Courier*, Sept. 30, 1815.

<sup>61</sup> There is some indication that he tried his hand at painting. A small drawing in the Charleston Library Society is attributed to him, as is a painting of John Davidson, librarian 1797-1813. The portrait is the work of an accomplished portraitist and it seems most unlikely that if Stevens did it, it should be his only work to be preserved. Anna Rutledge, to whom I owe many references to Jervis Stevens, has excluded him from her "Artists in the Life of Charleston," *Transactions of the American Philosophical Society*, New Series, XXXIX, Part II (1949). Cf. *Times*, Jan. 21, 1802, and *City Gazette*, April 1, 1822. *Charleston City Directory*, 1801. Obituary.

<sup>62</sup> Obituary; Wills of Charleston County, Book G, 1826-1834, p. 241. Mesne Conveyance records attest that Stevens was a man of considerable property.

<sup>63</sup> *MS Coll.*, Add. MSS.

## SAMUEL RODGERS

On May 6, 1789, Samuel Rodgers arrived from England and on May 11 was appointed organist at St. Michael's. His salary was increased from £70 to £80 in 1791. In the same year he was directed to serve as instructor and choirmaster of the new choir. Like other organists he was obliged to teach music as well, and in 1792 he is listed in the notice of a ladies' boarding school as "one of the most eminent, in [his] profession, on the continent." In 1804 when an altercation is noted between Rodgers and the sexton, William Anderson, relative to blowing the bellows, an additional appropriation of \$30 was made for hiring a blower.<sup>64</sup>

Rodgers joined the Clergy Relief Society on October 21, 1789, and his name appears regularly in their records as having performed with his choir at the anniversary meeting. His letter of resignation was submitted September 19, 1804:

In reply to your letter of 15th inst. which I rec'd this morning, I can only say that I fear I shall not be able to get up anything new to be performed at Michael's church on the Sunday preceeding the anniversary of the Clergy Socy, because in the first place, there are rules laid down by which I am governed, and which give the choice exclusively to the preachers, and secondly the person who assisted me last year is now attached to the Scotch Church, our Clerk is very sick and I have no choir. I have been a member of the Socy. fourteen years and am sorry to inform you that my circumstances will not admit of my continuing such any longer, therefore request you will be pleased to erase my name from the list of members; but be assured should a favorable change take place, I shall be anxious to rejoin them, nevertheless I shall always take pleasure in performing for their benefit, and if my former power should ever return to me, I shall use my utmost exertions in convincing the members at large that I am still a wellwisher to the institution.<sup>65</sup>

For some reason his prospects brightened the following year and he was invited to the anniversary banquet. Thereafter until 1808, he resumed the annual anthem at St. Michael's though he did not rejoin the Society.

In 1798, he was appointed collector of pew rents, and three years later the appointment was extended to include glebe rents, allowing him five per cent of the collections. This task does not seem to have agreed with Rodgers, for, in 1805, certain unexplained differences appear in his accounts. The errors were never resolved satisfactorily. In 1809, his musical affairs appeared in similar disorder, and final action was taken by the Vestry:

Complaints having been prefered against Mr. Saml. Rodgers, as Organist, for having absented himself from the Church during Divine Service, which caused great

<sup>64</sup> Minutes, pp. 202, 206, 302, 303. *City Gazette and Daily Advertiser*, Jan. 9, 1792.

<sup>65</sup> Minutes of the Society, I, 68, 162, 163. For these rules see *St. Michael's*, pp. 208-209.

Confusion and uneasiness, Resolved that the Secretary do Summon Mr. Rodgers to meet the Vestry this day at 1 oClock, to answer the charges prefered against him. . . .

Mr. Rodgers attended, when the Charges prefered against him were stated to him by the Chairman protem, which were admitted by him to be *true*, and after a full and patient hearing of every thing offered by him in extenuation of the offence Mr. Rodgers retired, when the following resolution was moved and Seconded. vizt.

Whereas, Complaints have been made by different Members of the Congregation of the indecorous and improper conduct of the Organist during the afternoon Service of Sunday last [April 9], which tended to interrupt that Solemnity and order which ought to prevail in a place of Worship. And, Whereas, Similar complaints of irregular conduct on the Part of the organist have, at various times, been prefered against him, for years past, not only by the Members of the Congregation, but by the Ministers and Officers of the Church.

The Vestry taking the Same into their serious consideration, after having heard every thing which Mr. Rodgers has been able to advance in extenuation of his conduct, are of opinion, that the *Interest* and *Welfare* of the Church imperiously call upon them to discharge the distressing and painful Duty of dismissing him from the Office of Organist, and of placing the Collection of the Rents &c of the Church in Some other hands.<sup>66</sup>

That this was indeed a painful duty may be deduced from the fact that the Vestry delayed four days before approving of their resolution. When informed of his dismissal, Rodgers requested a reconsideration but without success. As an instance of their genuine regret for this move, the Vestry ordered that he be paid one quarter's salary following his discharge. In 1824, the Vestry were at last obliged to charge off as a loss \$317.55, the balance due from Samuel Rodgers.

On August 1, 1810, Samuel Rodgers died, "Organist in St. Michael's church for nearly twenty years past, in which office his talents were unrivalled."<sup>67</sup>

<sup>66</sup> Minutes, pp. 229, 258, 359, 360, 535.

<sup>67</sup> *The Charleston City Directory* 1809 lists Jacob Eckhard as organist of St. Michael's and enters after Rodger's name, "musician." The next directory in 1813 lists Susannah Rodgers, schoolmistress, as resident of Samuel Rodgers' home on Wentworth Street. *City Gazette and Daily Advertiser*, Aug. 5.



DIARY OF A JOURNEY BY GEORGE IZARD,  
1815-1816

Edited by HAROLD W. RYAN

(Continued from July)

*4th Mch [1816].* My first Business is to get my Baggage dried and to summon the Commrs—the latter is done by Wm Coleman, whom his Father promised me yesterday to send to Capt. Matlock the sheriff this morning.

*5th* Wm Coleman comes here early in the afternoon—he brings word that the sheriff will be here on Thursday 7th Inst.

*7th* Capt. M. (Sheriff) here—he engages to summon the other Commrs and to have them here on Monday, 11th, when he must himself attend to sell some Sheep of Wyatt King's, seized for rent due to me.—This K. is nephew to P. Terry, and a notorious Rogue.

A Mr Irvine,<sup>42</sup> from the Neighbourhood of Lynchburg, (formerly a Subaltern in the 10th Regt and who was with it during the two last Campaigns of the War) visits the Land, some of which he wants to buy—his Father is said to be a rich man—the youth is intelligent—appears alarmed at my Prices however.

A Mr Estes, also of Lynchburg, makes various Proposals, but does not come up to my Mark, though he comes nearer than any Body has yet done—I suspect he is merely feeling my Pulse as Agent for some other Persons—He goes off apparently disappointed.

*Mond. 11th* Capt. Matlock, Genl Phillips, County Surveyor and Esquire John Watt, (a facetious Irishman from Londonderry, settled in this Country for many years) three of the Commissioners arrive this Afternoon.

*12th* Majr Jas Campbell (a Scotchman from Edinburgh) Post-master, another Commissioner joins the Party—Mr Nathl Scales, 5th Commr is Tax-collector, and cannot attend—The four above named, attended by Jas Terry and Wm Buckingham, P. T's son-in-law, as Chain carriers, and a youth named Mr Pea as axeman, commence the Survey of Mr Tucker's Lot—At Night they come home to P. Terry's, accompanied by a Squire

<sup>42</sup> William Irvine, transferred from 10th to 7th infantry, May 17, 1815; resigned commission Sept. 25, 1815 (Heitman, *op. cit.*).

Lenox, resident at Leeksville, a jolly old Batchelor from Dumfriesshire in Scotland,—Spil Coleman, Mr Rob. Broadnax—and some others.

*13th* I join the Commrs while they finish their Survey this Forenoon—They go in the Afternoon to divide the barren Lot, South of the river—I stay at Home.

*14th* They came back last night, and made a Valuation of the Land which is divided into 3 lots—This Morning the Tickets and names are placed in different Hats on small rolls of Paper and drawn by Nero, a black Boy of 7 or 8 yrs old, belongs to P. T.—No 3, good Lot, and No 1, barren lot fall to my Share—it is to receive \$2241. from No 1. of Mr T's (which is the River Lot)—No 1 is valued at \$15 pr Acre—No 2 at \$10. and No 3. at \$8.

Genl Phillips remains to run the line on the North of the Cascade Tract, adjoining Mrs Hairston's (late Wilson, married a few weeks ago to her Cousin, Robt H. She is Daughter to Majr Peter H.) we are joined by those two Gentlemen—The Line is found to be a few Yards north of their Fence, crosses the road about 50 yds north of the old Stump generally thought a Mark, and takes in some of the Fence of my adjoining Neighbour due north of P. T's House.—The other Commissioners went home this Forenoon—Genl P. having won a Glass of Toddy to be paid when we next meet (on the Oronee's flowing into the Ocean and not the Bay of Mexico as I thought) and recd \$2. for his Trouble in running the Line this morn[ing], takes his Leave—I receive a Note from Majr P. Hairston requesting to know my lowest Price—I answer \$12 pr acre for the whole land, good bad and indifferent.

*15th March.* Mr Tucker was here yesterday—he made his Appearance as we were alighting after the Survey—he seemed embarrassed—I left him to discuss the Survey of his land with Genl P. and sat in my Room, where he soon joined me—cool enough—but he has not as he said he would put in writing the Proposal of selling the Land jointly—he intends to appeal, &c. &c. &c. Invites me to dine, which I decline.

Yesterday I set Shirley and Davy at digging the Heap of Stones wh[ic]h I take for an Indian Grave on *Mount George*—Spill Coleman, Robt Broadnax and Tommy Buckingham are present—dig till Sunset—find nothing but stones evidently not in their natural Position. Today Majr Peter H. Calls on his way home—offers \$30 pr acre for the low grounds—I refuse. Col. George Hairston, the old Man's Brother, comes while we are at Dinner with his son Robt—they wish to ride over the Land—P.T. ac-

companies them, and I pass the aftn with the same Diggers at my Indn Grave—Nothing yet—Am invited to dine at the Hairstons' tomorrow—I accept.

*16th March.* Peter Terry goes to Caswell Co to endeavor to get a Judgment against H. Baldwin a refractory Tenant, who because he was not allowed to renew his Lease of one of the Tenements at Wolf Island, refuses to pay two years' rents wh he owes—In any Hands but those of my silly old Steward this Business would soon be terminated—but he is so very wrong-handed and stupid that I shall not be surprised at his Failure.

I dine at 2 o'clock at Ro Hairston's—Mrs H. a yellow good natured looking woman about 30 yrs old—Col. H. and his wife, who on her Entrance put me in mind of Meg Merriless—one, two, three other ugly coarse old Beldams—one every Day looking young woman—and one tall, large chested Wench with a black Mane and Tail and a set of the whitest and prettiest Teeth I ever saw—these she failed not to display by constant Smiles of the open mouthed Order—Old H. a devilish shrewd old Fellow—was a *Tower* of Duty at Norfolk at the close of the War—has just discovered a lead Mine on his Estate in Henry Co Virga—said to be very rich—Immediately after Dinner, old and young guests mounted their Horses and set out for their Home in Virginia—Soon after which I took my Leave in spite of the solicitations of Mrs H., who is much less of a Bear than her Husband or his Father.

*Sunday.* Yesterday I wrote to Mr Henderson respecting the Affairs here—and then walked to see my Grave-diggers—Nothing yet—I directed them to dig till one O'clock when if they found nothing they should leave off and repent—This was accordingly done—and I am to conjecture that it was an Altar since it is not a Grave.

P. Terry returns today—as I supposed, nothing done with Baldwin—He has however brought \$140. from Mrs Williams.

In the Evening a very unpleasant Conference with this old man—he repugns at making a Conditional Sale of his Property to be recorded in Court, as Mr Henderson advised—I go over the Accts with him and his Son Jas Terry—and at last consent to take his promissory Note witnessed by his Son for the Balance due me, upwards of \$2000. payable at Nine Months.

*Monday, 18th* P. T. rides to Pittsylvania C. H. to settle Mrs Williams Business—is to meet me tomorrow afternoon at Mrs Fountain's where I shall put up on my way to Halifax C. H. Jas. Terry goes to Rock[ingham]

P. Office—takes a letter for Mrs I[zard] and one for Mr Henderson—With the aid of Liddy I sow Snaps on the back Curtain of my Sulky, mend my Whip, flint and load my Pistols and make arrangements for my Departure Tomorrow—

Mr Billy Buckingham, who was to have done the late Job at the Sulky several Days ago presented himself with his Apron and Tools just as it was finished—and looked foolish—That fellow has always looked to me like an *irrecoverable Scoundrel*.—

Jas T. returns this Evening at  $\frac{1}{2}$  past 7 o'clock from R[ockingha]m C. H. without letters or Papers—When a certain Person reads these Memoranda, she will blush at some recollections—It has been hailing since before noon—The Country looks as Wintery as in the Depth of Winter. I did hope for news from Home tonight.

*Tuesday, 19th March.* I leave Cascade at 11 o'clock. A mile beyond Bachelor's Hall I meet old Terry coming homewards—he thought from the badness of the Weather that I would give up my Intention of setting out today—He has settled the Business with Mrs Williams, and offers me what he has received (\$28), wh I desire him to lay by and account for on my return—I then direct him as follows—1. To go in the course of the next week with two or more respectable Inhabitants of his Neighbourhood, and to demand Possession of the Land allotted to me by the Commissioners in the late Division of Mr Tucker's Lots.—if refused to record the Witnesses—if given, to allow the present Tenants to remain on the same Terms as Macdaniel has his Farm on Shares. 2d to let young Watson, (near the mineral Spring), have 15 or 20 acres also on Shares. 3d to request Majr Campbell, P. M. at R[ockingham] C. H., to forward all Letters to Philada—The Meeting with renders unnecessary my going to Mrs Fountain's. I therefore resume my accustomed Road to Wilkinson's, where after losing my Way at Sandy river I arrive an Hour and a half after dark.

20th to Halifax C. H. Toot's. This Part of the Country has been very unhealthy for some Months.

21st Mrs Morton's—40 m.

22d Hopson's, Cumb[erlan]d C. H.

23d Breakfast at Dr Balt's, pronounced Belt's—Half a dozen half drunk Countrymen—an old Fellow called Tony, with a night-cap over his Head, says he did not know ny name but never saw such an *Eye for Business!* The others bore a little—To Hudson's, 31 m. from Cumb[erlan]d C. H.

24. Leave Hudson's (a comfortable House) at 7 o'clock—by Yanceyville, 9 m.—Louisa C. H. 7½ m. where I feed the Horses—Brock's Bridge, 10. to Lindsay's, 8 m. A good natured old Farmer disturbed by the People coming into my room, wh is the Hall, (it being ceded by the old Lindsay in consideration of the Fire to me) at 2 in the morning for Medicine for a sick negro—The Son and his wife live with him—She has but one Eye.

25th Breakfast, bad enough—The Wench has been stolen last night—To Stephensburg, by Racoon Ford, 23 m.—Dine at Mr Tibb's—a comparatively good House—She (Mrs T.) is Niece to the late Mrs Carter of Shirley—this I learn this Evening of Mrs Champs C. to whose House I proceed after Dinner—Fairley Good.

Mr and Miss Clarter] are at Washington—Mrs C. is in better Health than at my last visit; her niece Miss Elisa C. stays with her—She gives me a Letter, wh I press her for, to her Sister—The newspapers are sent for from Mr Charles C. by a Messenger who takes the Letter I brought from Mrs G. Tucker for her Mother—Mr Cs C. sends word he shall dine here tomorrow—but I can't stay—I beg Mrs C. not to give me Breakfast nor rise one moment sooner for me tomorrow morn[in]g.

26. Leave Mrs C's at 8 this Morning—am piloted by Mr Wall, Mr C's overseer, by Elkwood, to a Ford in Rapahannock, where the Water again rises above the Bottom of my Gig, and I fear for the Contents of my gig-box—Fine weather—but detestable Roads today and yesterday. To Germantown, (a single House) 15 m. The Landlord, whose name is something like Baradaw very talkative, but civil—a pretty young woman shows herself, who is, I am told, his Daughter. To Haymarket, 16 miles—a decent Tavern. Here I meet Mr Ludwell Lee, son of the late Mr Richd Henry Lee, who introduces himself to me—speaks of his having a number of Letters of my Father to his Uncle Mr Arthur Lee—He is, I should suppose, not less than 50 yrs old—wears a wig—is sorry that his Absence from Home, (his House is about 4 miles from Leesburg, Loudon Co) prevents his asking me to visit him—His Daughter has lately married a Capt. Campbell, of So Carolina, said to be very rich—I presume him to be a Son of Capt. C. who was Mr Wm L. Smith's Friend and the Agent who so cruelly mismanaged the latter's affair and betrayed the Confidence reposed in him.

In the Evening I am diverted with hearing a Conversation between some young men near the Door, in which the principal Personage asserts, and defies Contradiction of the Assertion, that Nightingales never existed—that it is merely an Expression for *any* Bird whose notes are agreeable—This bold Orator is a Mr Cassius Carter, son of the late Mr Edmund C.,

and grandson of Mr C. of Shirley—He was, it seems a Subaltern<sup>43</sup> of Infantry last War, and on the Frontier—he was wounded in a Duel some Months ago—A handsome Youth, voluble, and apparently not an Enemy to Tavern Delights.

This puts me in Mind of a grave Discussion which I was present at on the Road near Carterville, respecting the Cause of the high Price of Tobacco—It was stated that Great Britain had made a great Purchase of Territory of some of the European Continental Powers which was to be paid for in Tobacco—I was asked if I had heard of the Circumstance, of which the Company seemed to entertain very little Doubt.

*Wednesday, 27th March.* I set out from Haymarket at Sunrise in Company with a Mr Ball, who tells me he is a Relation of Lt Col. B's<sup>44</sup> of the Dragons—Breakfast at a House formerly the Widow Lacy's, 12 m. To Leesburg, 12 m. At Peer's—The House full of Lawyers—Mr J. Fenton Mercer, a gentleman of some political Distinction in this State represents this County, Loudon—He is in the House—I believe we were introduced to each other some years ago at Philada but he does not appear to recollect me, and I am not sure of the Fact. So we say nothing to each other—I dry some necessary Articles of Linen in the Afternoon, write to Mrs I[zard] and after reading some Pages in my Travelling Companion, the Elege Extracts, retire to a tolerable Couch.

*28th* To Noland's Ferry, 12 M—to the Eagle, a German Tav[er]n, 1½ m—Breakfast—4 m. from this Place, my Axle tree breaks—I dispatch Shirley in quest of a Blacksmith, and stay to guard the wreck—In about half an Hour an empty Wagon overtakes me, the Driver of which assists me in taking off the Wheels and placing the Baggage in his Wagon—Not long after, S[hirley] and a couple of Blacksmiths make their appearance—The vehicle is taken to Pieces and loaded in the Wagon, which conveys it to Buckey's Town 2 m. further—Here I am obliged to halt, as the repairs cannot be completed till tomorrow—The Inn not at all uncomfortable—the People obliging.

*Sat. 29.* After Breakfast the Sulky being refitted I resume my Journey, after having paid the Blacksmith \$7. for his work—I gave the Wagoner yesterday \$2. with which he was more than satisfied—I soon perceive that the way of the wheels is an Inch or two wider than it ought to be which promises more tossing than I have hitherto had in my serviceable little Sulky. By Frederick Town, 6 m. to Galt's, 12 m. The road very bad—As I

<sup>43</sup> Dismissed from artillery in Nov. 1814 (Heitman, *op. cit.*).

<sup>44</sup> Probably James Vincent Ball (*ibid.*).



approach the latter Place, Placid manifests that he is grievously tired—200 yards from the Door, I am obliged to take him out of the shafts lest he should fall down—Mr Galt no longer keeps a Tavern—but lets my Horses be fed, and shows me into a Parlour—After resting a Couple of Hours I substitute Jack Sorrel for P. in the Shafts, and drive on to Tawney Town, 11 m. Shirley, arrives an Hour after me at Shorb's, having with Difficulty got the Horse so far.

30th. A violent snow storm—I lye by for this Day—There is no Appearance of P's. recovering sufficiently to perform his Work, and I purchase a large grey Gelding of Mr. Shorb, for \$185. He is 6 yrs old and warranted sound.

31st. To Hanover, 16 m. where I breakfast—My new Purchase performs well. To Schmeiser's, 15 m. The Weather bad, and the roads scarcely passable—However Shirley keeps up with the two tired Quadrupeds.

This is a common Country Tavern—The Master a rough hard working Farmer—he has a Farm here, for which he was offered \$300 pr acre, during the war, which he refused both on account of it's being patrimonious Property and of his being afraid of Paper money—He tells me that I shall tomorrow, about 2 m. off, pass a Farm which was sold at the Time alluded to for \$255 pr acre. It would not command \$150 now—These Prices are all cash ones.

Monday, April 1st [1816.] From Schmeiser's through York, 3 m. to Columbia, 12 m. To Lancaster, 10. Arrive early at Slough's—He gives me a good Dinner, and I invite him to take part of a Bottle of old Port with which he treats me afterwards—He was a Captain in the regulars in Sinclair's Defeat, and in Wayne's Victory over the Indians; was severely wounded at the latter. He tells me of Col. George Ross's being here, in very low Health. In the Evening I visit 'pon R[oss] at his request, (he sends me word he is too sick to come out) and find him at the House of Dr. Kuhn, his Uncle, who died suddenly this Morning—He begs me to give him Letters to Mr Lowndes and Mr Huger, Rep[resentati]ves in Congress from So Cara, recommending him for a Consulship—I send them to him on my return to the Inn; but I do not believe he Can ever leave Lancaster alive.

2d Apl to Petit's, 19 m—Breakfast—This Family are about to move to Ohio—their Furniture at vendue this Day—to Bowen's, 19 m.

Wednesday—3d April, to Philadelphia, where I have the Happiness to find my Wife and three Boys well and glad to embrace me.

REGIMENTAL BOOK OF CAPTAIN JAMES BENTHAM,  
1778-1780

Contributed by ROBERT BENTHAM SIMONS

(Continued from July)

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR JOHN HUGER, NOV. 28, 1778.

In consiquence of Orders received this day from his Excellency the President, the Charles Town Regiment of Militia are in future to perform the Duty of Watch and Guard both by day and night untill further Orders. The Major flatters himself that this Service will be performed with chearfullness and alacrity particularly at this Juncture when a considerable Body of the Continental troops are gone and others detachments going to the Assistance of our Friends in Georgia. The company of Granadiers are to relieve the Main Guard by Nine o'clock to morrow morning and they by Capt. Moultrie's Company on Monday at the same hour and the other Companies are to Continue doing duty and relieving each daily according to Seniority the Lt. Infantry Co. excepted who are to relieve the youngest or last Company.

[Signed] JOHN HUGER, Major

N.B.

Notwithstanding the foregoing order, the Granadier company was relieved on Monday the 30th November by the Lt. Infantry Co. as Capt. Moultrie and his Subs were out of Town.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS NOVEMBER 30TH, 1778.

In future the Guards are to mount in the afternoon instead of the morning—The Company for relief to Assemble Precisely at four o'clock in front of the Exchange which is appointed for the *Regimental Parade* and from thence to March off immediately and relieve the Company on Guard—An officer a Sergeant and 12 Privates from Capt. Baddely are to relieve the Guard at the Magazine tomorrow at 9 o'clock. The Officer will receive his Orders from the Officer he relieves—Capt. Baddely to continue on Guard untill he is relieved by Lieut. Prioleau who (Capt. Moultrie) being absent) is to mount Guard with his Company at four o'clock tomorrow Afternoon.

In case of an alarm being fired the Companies are Ordered to Assemble in Broad Street where they will be formed and receive Orders.

[Signed] ROGER SMITH, Lt. Col.

An alarm being Fired on Wednesday the 2d of December 1778, *Present* Capt. James Bentham, Lieut. Philip Prioleau, Lt. Js. Edwards, Lt. Othniel

Giles; Abraham DaCosta, *Sergeant Major*; Sergeants Joseph Jennings, John Hyslop, George Chatteris; Corporals Meyer Moses, Isaac DaCosta, Jun'r, William Elmes, John Ellis.

ALEXANDER FORRESTER, *Clk.*

*Privates*

James Mackie	Samuel DaCosta
Daniel Bell	Arch'd Carson
Thomas Bourke	Samuel Baldwin
Robert Lindsey	Jonathan Clark, Jun'r.
Benj'n Hoof	Andrew Dawson
James Cook	James Courtonne, Sen'r.
John Smith	Daniel Horsey
Thos. Shaw	Joseph Robinson
George Virgent	Peter Mouzon
David Attais	Charles Henberry
George Thompson	John Caldwell
And'w Thompson	James Simmons
Wm. Cammeron	John Jeffords, Jun'r.
Robert Crabb	John Troup
David Bruce	Daniel Alexander
Joseph Da Costa	John North
Edward Trescott	Nat'l Cambridge
Andrew Mitchell	Rob't. Williams
Joseph Depolosious	Philip Coram
Elias Evans	James Sharp
Samuel Pollock	Isaac DaCosta, Sen'r.
William Elliott	John Mylne
Ch's Atkins, Sen'r.	Anth'y L'Abbes
Andrew McKinzie	Nat'l Burdeaux
Samuel Brown	Fra's. Sanders
Henry Caldwell	David Kaufman
George Greenland	Zeph Kinsley
John Fisher	John Hopton
Wm. Glover	Abh'm Pearce
James Thompson	Jos. Dill
Daniel Ward	John Davidson
Peter Bunting	Eberhad Steadly
Joseph Jones	John Baker
Wm. Bower	Benj'n Dart
John Lyon	

*Privates*

After being re[view]'d by President and Privy Council dis[miss]'d at 9 o'clock.

## REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LT. COL. SMITH

It was with much concern the Lt. Colonel observed so few mee turned out this morning on the alarm, an Occasion, when by Law almost every Man is obliged to make his Appearance. It is expected the Captains or Commanding Officers of the several Companies will immediately order a Militia Court and make strict Enquiry into the causes which Occasioned such great deficiency and neglect and if it proceeds from reasons not Valid or Substantial that they will bring the delinquents to a Sence of their Fault by enforcing the Penalties of the Law again them as in the present Crisis of our affairs it is Indispensably necessary to oblige those to do their duty by rigorous means, who have not Zeal and Principle to induce a discharge of their Obligations to the Publick.

The Captain will inform their respective Companies of the Penalties annex'd to a disobedience of the Law under the present alarm and that they are not to be released therefrom, untill properly discharged by Legal notice. The Captains and Subaltern Officers and the Non Commissioned Officers and privates must apply in such Case to the Captain or Commanding Officer of the Company to which they severally belong the Officers and Men are entitled to pay and Rations when on Actual duty Capt. Moultries Lushingtons and Benthams and Livingstones companies are to mount Guard in two equal divisions (and not by whole Companies) each Division to consist of at least 30 Rank and file besides Officers and etc.

The Captain or Commanding Officer of the Main Guard to send out two detachments every two hours one into each Parish in order to patrolle the Streets. The patrolle to begin at 10 o'clock at night and to continue patroling untill day break. The parties on patrolle duty are to take up and confine all negroes and slaves after 10 o'clock at night, unless they can produce satisfactory tickets or Warrants from their owners for being abroad. The patrolle are also to take up and confine all Riotous and disorderly persons likewise any person or persons they may have good and cogent reasons to suspect of evil Intentions and secure such untill an Examination is had thereon. The Captain or Commanding Officers of the Guard to make a particular and full report of his Guard to the Colonel or Commanding immediately on dismounting. The Captain or Commanding Officers of the several Companies are desired to make immediately a very Exact return as they can of their Companies to the Colonel or Commanding Officer Viz of their Numbers present, Effective, Alarm Men of those absent also of the State of their Arms Ammunition and Accoutrements, etc. etc. (signed)

ROGER SMITH, Lt. Col.

Charlestown, Dec. 2d, 1778.

## LIST OF THE COUNSELLE

Lt. Governor  
 Lt. Col. Smith  
 Jno. Neufville  
 Chas. Pinckney

Isaac Motte  
 Jno. Edwards  
 Thos. Ferguson  
 Jno. Parker

Gl. Gadsen

## GENERAL ORDERS 31 MAY 1779.

*F.O.* tomorrow Major Elliston.

*Parole* Chesterfield      *Countersign* Crowfield

Capt. Bentham is appointed Town Adjutant and is to be obeyed as such.

A Capt., Lieut., one Sergt. with 30 Rank and file from Col. Simons Regt. to relieve this evening the piquet Guard.

The field Officer of the day is desired to be very particular in visiting all the Guards in Town and on the Lines and take two light Horse Men from Capt'n Ford's Company with him as an escort—he's to make his report by ten o'clock in the morning to the Commanding Officer. The Guard at Gadsden's fish market and Gibbes wharves are to be particularly careful not to suffer any boat to go or come from any other wharf and the Sergt. of those Guards are to take an acct. of all coming and going and make a report of their names to the Town Major every morning.

The parties that may for the future be sent out of Town in order to procure fuel for their respective Corps are not permitted to go further than the picquet at Strickland.

*June 1, 1779.*

*Parole* Eugene      *Countersign* Constancy

*G.O. F.O.* tomorrow Col. Simons.

Order'd that a Capt'n, 2 Sub's. 2 Sar't. and 50 R and f. from the C.T.R.M. do go down to fort Johnson to cover a working party.

The James Island Comp'y are to go and patrole the Island continually, keeping a good lookout towards Stono and Wappoo and give the earliest notice to the party at fort Johnson if any part of the Enemy should move that way.

Capt'n. McQueen and Newell are to fall down and cover the party at fort Johnson and are to take negros working there on board their Vessels every Night also the covering party if they chuse it.

The Piquet Guard to be relieved this evening by

1 Lt. 1 S't and 20 Men from 2d Rt.  
 1 Capt.      10 do from 5 do.

2 June 1779.

*Parole* Abingdon      *Countersign* Fox

*G.O. F.O.* tomorrow Col. Skirving.

Mr. Wm. Boss is appointed Commissary of Issues to the Contin<sup>d</sup> Troops.

The Barrack Guard to be relieved in future by the 2 and 5 Contin<sup>d</sup> Reg't. according to details for tomorrow—from the 2d—11 R and f. from the 5th—1 Lt. 1 S't. 5 R and f.

A Lieut. of the 5 R't to join Capt. Conyers Comp'y. at the Crown work in the Room of Lt. Fotheringham who is Sick.

Picquet Guard this Evening from Col. Simons' regt.

3 June 1779.

*Parole* Huger      *Countersign* Field

*F.O.* tomorrow Col. Bretignay—

Piquet tonight.

1 Sub.      20 R and f—2 Reg't.

1 Capt.      1 Lt. 10 R and f.—5 Reg't.

Barrack Guard tomorrow

1 Sub.      21 R and F—from 2 R't.

1 Lt.      5 do      5 do

The Guard at the Crown work to be mounted by the 2d and 5th Reg't. according to detail.

1 Sub.      1 Serg't.      18 R and f from 2 R't.

1 Capt.      —      12 do      5 do

All Guards in future are to parade at Troopbeating within the Town Gates to be marched—and from thence to their respective posts.

A Garrison C.M. to sit on Saturday next to inquire into the Conduct of Lt. Hogan of the 5 S.C.R't on a Charge of Mr. Alex. Rose.

The Court to consist of 1 F.O. 3 Capt's. and 3 Sub's from the Garrison. All evidences are to have notice to attend and the President to appoint a place for the sitting of the Court.

June 4, 1779.

*Parole* Effingham      *C. Sign* Saville.

*F.O.* tomorrow Lt. Col. McIntoch

The Garrison Court of Inquiry to meet tomorrow at 8 o'clock in the forenoon at Strickland.

June 5th, 1779

*Parole* Blenheim      *C Sign* Churchill

*F.O.* tomorrow Lt. Col. Brown

The picquet from the 2 and 5 R't.



G.O. The Garrison Court of Inquiry of which Col. Skirving presided having considered the charges exhibited against Lt. Hogan by Mr. Rose are of Opinion they are not sufficient for further Examination.

The Court is hereby dissolved and Lt. Hogan is relieved from his arrest and ordered to join his Reg't. immediately.

7 June 1779.

Parole Virginia CS 45

F.O.'s tomorrow—Major Huger }  
Major Lyde }

The Troop to beat in future at 7 o'clock in the morning at the usual parade when the Guards are to be relieved. That two field officers be appointed for the day.

The Commanding Officers of the different Corps on the Lines are to order one Man from each Company to serve as Camp Colour Man for the purpose of keeping their Quarters clean and free from filth which is to be carried without the abittis. The Men are exempted from all other duty. The Gen'l requests the Commanding officers to see this order strictly complied with.

All Officers and Soldiers all strictly enjoin'd to repair to their respective posts at retreat beating and are to be under arms at 3 o'clock in the morning and continue so till broad day light.

This order to be put in execution this evening and to be observed till countermanded.

June 8, 1779.

Par. Catawba CS Chief

F.O. Col. Bretigyn and Major Erwin

The Detachments under the Command of Capt. Read on Guard within the Gates are to join their respective Comp's after Delivering up what Prisoners they may have to the Main Guard in Town. Capt. Read to see this order put in Execution and then join his Company.

June 9, [1779]

Parole Alexander C.S. Ten

F.O. Col. Giles and Col. McIntoch.

Ordered that a Garrison Court Marshal do sit on Firday next to try Lt. Sawyer of Col. Simons' Rgt. on a charge of improper behaviour. All evidences are desired to attend.

The Court to consist of 1 Field Officer as President, 6 Capt's. and 6 Sub's. to be taken from the different Corps of Militia in Garrison.

*Detail*Lt. Col. Smith, *President*

2 Capt's and 2 Lt's. from Col. Simons' Reg't.

1 Lt. from Skirving's

1 Capt. and 1 Lt. from Harleston's

1 do and 1 do from Winn's

1 do and 1 do from Hicks'

1 do — from Giles'

*Judge Advocate**10 June 1779**Parole Scott C S Expected**F.O.* tomorrow Lt. Col. Bedeaux and Maj. Horry.*Picquot Guard for Col. Simons' Reg't.*

## COPY OF AN ORDER FROM MAJOR HUGER

Capt'n Philip Prioleau having lodged a complaint against Lt. Jas. Edwards of Col. Simons' Reg't for disobedience of orders, you are immediately to order Lt. Edwards under an arrest and you will at the same time furnish him with a Copy of the charge exhibited against him which I have enclosed you for that purpose.

I am, your most obed't serv't,

JNO. HUGER.

To Jas. Bentham, Esq. *Town Adjutant.*

## COPY OF THE CHARGE

Capt. Prioleau reports Lt. Edwards for disobedience of orders and desires that proper notice may be taken of him.

To Major Huger

*10 June 1779.*

Lieut. Edwards in consequence of the above order was put under an arrest.

*11 June 1779.**Parole Agincourt C S—4**F.O.* Major Huger and Lyde.*June 12, 1779.**Parole Washington C S—Fame.**F.O.* Col. Simons and Major Erwin

The Picquet to be relieved from Col. Simons.

*G.O.* The Garrison Court Martial of which Col. Smith is President is dissolved.

*June 13, 1779.*

*Parole Algiers C S—7—*

*June 14, 1779*

*Parole Savannah C S—Gain*

A general return to be made of all the Country Militia doing Duty in Garrison.

*June 15, 1779.*

*Par: Antwerp C.S.—Alva—*

*F.O.* tomorrow Lt. Col. Bedeaux and Beard.

*G.O.* The Troops in Garrison are to form into three Brigades. *Vizt.*

The 2 and 5 So. Co. Reg't. to compose the first Brigades under the Command of Lt. Col. McIntoch.

The 2 Brigade to consist of Col. Skirving, Harleston, Giles, Beard and Col. Winn's and Major Lyde's detachments under the command of Gen. Bull.

The 3 Brigade of Col. Simons' and Bretigney's Reg't. with Capt. Ford and Lt. Clair's Corps to be under the command of Col. Simons.

Each Brigade to furnish immediately an exact return of the number of men in their department.

*16 June*

*17 June*

*Par. Blenheim C.S. 11—*

*18 June*

*Par. St. Clair C.S. 6*

*19 June*

*Par Brest C.S. 13—*

*20 June*

*Par. Mouttrie C.S. Success*

*21 [June]*

*Par. Washington C.S. Fame*

*22 June*

*Par. Gibraltar C S—Seige*

Mr. Allard Belin is appointed Assit. D Q M G.

Piquet from the 3 Brigade—

1 Sub.—1 Serg't, 2 Corp., 20 priv'ts.

23 June

Par. Pinckney. CS 15

F.O.—Giles and Winn.

24 [June]

Par. Boitard CS Brave

Col. Harleston and Maj. Smith.

25 [June]

Par. Rutledge CS—Honour

26 [June]

Par. Bull CS—5

27 [June]

Par. Lincoln CS Caution

G.O. by Gen'l Bull.

All persons producing papers from the Town Major are to be allowed to leave the Town.

The Countersign is not to be given by the Adjut't. Gen'l or Town Major untill 6 o'clock in the Evening, when it is to be sent round to the Diff't Officers by the Orderly Adjutant.

All the Guard to be compleated to the full Complement.

Morning reports to be made of the State of the Comp'y, Reg'l returns every Thursday and a Gen'l return monthly to the Commander in Chief by the Town Major.

Feb'y. 15, 1780.

#### GENERAL ORDERS FROM GEN'L LINCOLN.

Col. Simons will march his Men as soon as they are paraded to the Post, to which they are to repair in case of an Allarm. Broughton's Battery will cover his Left, his numbers will determine the extent of his Right.

The General recommends to the Militia the repairing the lines they are to occupy as well for their own safty as for that of the Town. As soon as the men are supplied the Ammunition the Officers of each Comp'y will keep an exact acct. of the Number of Cartridges and quantity of loose

powder and Ball delivered and every day at Roll calling the Boxes are to be examined and if any should be lost or spoil'd through the carelessness of the Soldier he will not only be made to pay for them but suffer such other punishment as his Crime shall merit.—

Any of the Inhabitants who incline to cut up and bring into the Town the Trunks of the trees from which the Abbatis have been cut will be encouraged in the measure. No soldier is to be absent from his quarters after retreat beating without a written pass from his Officers.

*Parole—Countersign—*

GENERAL ORDERS 15 FEB'Y 1780.

Any Person with Col. Simons' pass is permitted to go out of Town.

The troops in future will furnish their quota for Guard by detail.

The troop will beat at 8 in the morn'g at w'ch time the detachments for guard will be paraded on their Brigade parades and march'd from thence to the grand parade which will be on the Green in front of the Goal.

The Brigade Majors must be very punctual as the Guards will be formed and march'd off precisely at 9 o'clock.

The Field Officer of the day will before he is relieved examine the prisoners and send all those who are not confin'd for capital crimes to their Reg'l quarter guards.

The Field Officers are requested to dine at Head Quarters the day they come off duty.

BRIG. M. tomorrow Capt. Sharpe

Detail	C	S	S	C	D	R&f
Col. Simons' Regt.	1	1	3	4	2	51

17 Feb'y 1780.

The Grand parade will be on the Green called Sarazen's Green.

The Gov'r desires the Col. to forbid any person leaving the Company he is inrolled in to join any other. Six men are to attend the Quarter Master as fatigue men.

A regular provision return to be made every Evening to the Quarter Master of the C.T.Militia who will serve out Rations to the Quarter Master Serg't of each Company the ensuing morning.

The Brigade Major of the day will bring an Adjutant from his Brigade to the Grand parade.

The General expects the C.T.M. will be employed in compleating the work on South Bay.

Lt. Col. Kolb's detachment to be annexed to Col. Simons' Brigade and to furnish 36 Men properly officered for the fatigue at the above mentioned Hour. The Main Guard will receive any Prisoners sent by the Gov'r.

## Detail

	Ser't.		Ser't.
1 Batt.	1	18 Men	
Grend.	3	T Blues 2	
Lt. Inf'y	3	Forresters 2	Ser't.
Fusileers	6	Vol. 2 ..	1

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MARRIAGE AND DEATH NOTICES FROM THE  
CITY GAZETTE OF CHARLESTON

*(Continued from July)*

Died, In Hamilton, Mass. The Rev. Dr. Manasseh Cutler, aged 80, formerly member of Congress. At Hanover, Pa. Mrs. Magdalen Gitt, aged 101 years and 10 months. (Wednesday, August 13, 1823.)

Died in Cheraw, on the 2d inst. Capt. John McCall, after an illness of about a week, of the utmost severity, aged about 28 years. (Thursday, August 14, 1823.)

The Friends and Acquaintances of the late Mr. Archibald Buchannan, of Mrs. Buchannan, and Mr. Campbell Douglas, are requested to attend the funeral of the former from his late residence in Meeting-street, near Boundary-street, at 4 o'clock This evening. (Thursday, August 14, 1823.)

Wilmington, August 11, 1823, yesterday morning about six o'clock, a sail boat upset, by which accident, H. Roby, Jun. Merchant, of Wiscasset, (Me.), Mason Cogswell of St. John's, (New-Brunswick), of the firm of Cogswell & Dickinson, Mr. Job Carpenter, of Providence (Rhode-Island); and a yellow man named Fred Ward, were drowned. . . . (Saturday, August 16, 1823.)

Departed this life on the 12th ult. in Barnwell District, in the thirty-fourth year of her age, Mrs. Sarah Erwin, late consort of Colonel James D. Erwin, after a painful illness of about three weeks. . . . a fond husband has been bereaved of a tender wife, four small children of a doating mother. . . . (Wednesday, August 20, 1823.)

The Friends and Acquaintances of Mr. Francis Mulligan, are requested to Attend his Funeral without further invitation, from the house of Mr. Bernard Mulligan, No. 1 George-street, This morning, at half past 8 o'clock. (Thursday August 21, 1823.)

Died, at Columbia (S. C.) on the 13th inst. after an illness of about nine days, Mr. George Blackburn, formerly professor of Mathematics in the South-Carolina College. Mr. Blackburn was one of the first Mathematicians of the age; he was a native of Ireland, where in early life, he had received a liberal education; and after his immigration to this country, was employed in various seminaries of learning. . . . (Saturday, August 23, 1823.)

Married, on Saturday, 23d. inst. by the Rev. Mr. Hanckel, Mr. F. H. Pettipain, of New Orleans to Miss Eugenia Samory of this city. (Monday, August 25, 1823)

The Friends and Acquaintances of Mr. Archibald M. Vicier, and of Neil, his brother, are requested to attend the Funeral of the former, from his late residence on Cannonborough, at 4 o'clock This Afternoon. (Monday, August 25, 1823)

... N.B. The Coroner, after the Jury were discharged, on his return to the city, was informed that the deceased was known by the name of The Baron De Billoas, a native of Switzerland, about 50 years of age, and who, it seems, has been the child of misfortune for some years past, particularly since his arrival in this city. The above is intended for the information of his friends and relatives. J. H. Stevens, Coroner of Charleston District. (Wednesday, August 27, 1823)

Died, in Cheraw, (S. C.) on the 18th instant, Mr. Marlboro' S. Hamilton, aged about 20 years, formerly of this city. (Wednesday, August 27, 1823)

Married, in New York, on the morning of the 20th inst. at St. George's Church, by the Rev. Dr. Milnor, Mr. Robert Witherspoon, of this city, to Sarah, fourth daughter of the late Mr. Adam Sewell of the former city. (Friday, August 29, 1823)

Died, on the 20th inst. in the 74th year of his age, Francis Mulligan, Esq. for upwards of thirty years a respectable inhabitant of this city. (Friday, August 29, 1823)

Died, in Savannah, on the 27th inst. after a few days severe illness, in the 81st year of his age, Doctor Robert Lincoln, a native of London, and for the last four years a successful and respectable Practitioner of medicine in Savannah. (Saturday, August 30, 1823)

The Friends and Acquaintances of Mr. Joel Betton, are requested to attend his Funeral This Morning, at 12 o'clock, from his late residence, No. 3 Tradd-street. (Monday, September 1, 1823)

It is with great distress we announce the death of Mr. Ainsley Hall, an eminent merchant in this town, and a most valuable member of society. He died on the 18th ult. at Bottetourt Springs in Virginia, on his way to

New York, to meet his lady, who had gone there for her health. We lament with our fellow-citizens, the early death of so enterprising, spirited and excellent a citizen, as a public loss. *Columbia Telescope*. (Saturday, September 6, 1823)

Died, at East-Gudford, Conn. on the 6th ult. Mr. Parsons Kelsey. He had been for some time partially deranged. . . . He had cut off both pipes, but had not opened the jugular vein. His reason was immediately restored. . . . He wrote on a slate . . . expressing the deepest regret at what he had done. . . . He died of starvation. . . . *New-Haven Register*. (Saturday, September 6, 1823)

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## NOTES AND REVIEWS\*

*The Navigation Acts and the American Revolution.* By Oliver M. Dickerson. (Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 1951. Pp. xvi, 344. \$6.00.)

In the period before Adam Smith, England felt justified to regulate the trade and economy of her colonies by the Navigation Acts. American historians of the nineteenth century believed that these restrictive measures had been a prime reason for the American Revolution, but recent writers, their patriotism leavened by present day neo-mercantilism, have looked upon them as less onerous. John C. Dickerson in *The Navigation Acts and the American Revolution* advances innumerable facts and figures to prove that this imperial regulation of trade was not only unselfish but of inestimable benefit to the colonists. For the thirteen colonies as part of a large self-contained empire in resources, extent, wealth, and population, trade regulations were necessary to make them an economic whole.

The colonists recognized their benefits under this system. They did not have to fear the competition of foreign traders and they had the same commercial privileges in the empire as residents of Great Britain. Enumerated articles could be sold only to England but they were assured of a constant market. Bounties paid on certain products, such as indigo and cooperage materials in South Carolina, permitted the development of industries otherwise impossible. The decline of rice and indigo production after the Revolution was evidence of the value of the Navigation Acts to South Carolina. Colonists could buy their requirements only in the mother country but this market was cheaper than any other and as a result America resumed this trade after the Revolution. Even the Declaration of Independence which listed every conceivable grievance as a justification for revolution, does not condemn the Navigation Acts. Instead of being restrictive, the Navigation Acts and trade policies had been largely responsible for the development of the British empire, 1660-1763, and equal commercial rights had been one of the chief elements in binding it together.

After the French and Indian War, Americans were more dubious of economic controls. "Their opposition to measures enacted after 1763 was not because they were regulations, but because they were not laws of that kind." Corrupt customs officials did not make them more palatable, and merchants such as Henry Laurens who had been devoted subjects, were driven into the ranks of the patriot party by these rapacious and bribe

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hungry officials. Even worthwhile trade legislation became unpopular because of this customs racketeering. In England the influence of the merchants in the government was lessened and the politicians enacted legislation that destroyed the delicate balance and ramifications of mercantilism. Americans felt that they were the chief sufferers from this change which they felt was an abandonment of the principles of mercantilism.

*The Navigation Acts and the American Revolution* is an important and provocative book, and because of it, many tenets of colonial history (e.g., the extent of smuggling) will have to be reexamined. The author has spent many years on this study and has examined newspapers, almanacs, pamphlets, broadsides, and official records both in this country and in England. It contains a wealth of material and such interesting sidelights as the reason why Charlestonians, unlike elsewhere, drank Madeira wine. The facts that have been amassed in support of the book's thesis that the Navigation Acts were favorable to the American colonies are well thought out and not easily disputable. However, it does seem to this reviewer that perhaps Dr. Dickerson has reacted a little violently against the Anglophobes who wrote American history in the nineteenth century. After all, the Board of Trade was set up to make the colonies commercially profitable to England, and colonial interests must have been secondary. British merchants opposed colonial currency so that the colonies would be at a disadvantage in trading and not offer effective competition. Such loyalty as Americans had to the Navigation Acts may have been the result of having no alternative at a time when all nations accepted the principles of mercantilism. But whether or not one agrees with the conclusions, the book does represent a superior achievement of research and an important contribution to the literature of American history.

The Citadel

CHARLES L. ANGER

*Storm over Savannah: The Story of Count d'Estaing and the Siege of the Town in 1779.* By Alexander A. Lawrence. (Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1951. Pp. x, 153. Illustrations, appendix, notes, bibliography, index. \$3.50.)

The author of this book was born in Savannah in 1906 and still lives there. A graduate of the University of Georgia, a lawyer, and a past president of the Georgia Bar Association, he is an historian of increasing importance. In 1943 he published *James Moore Wayne, Southern Unionist* and since 1945 has served as president of the Georgia Historical Society.

*Storm over Savannah* is a thorough coverage of a hitherto rather neglected phase of the American Revolution—the Franco-American failure to recapture Savannah from the British in September–October, 1779. With the exception of the Battle of Bunker Hill, the assault on Savannah was the

bloodiest engagement of the American Revolution. Savannah was vitally important to both sides, for the city was a source of essential supplies, a seaport of strategic value, a dagger at the back of South Carolina, and the keystone in the English master-plan of invading and conquering the southern provinces one by one.

In *Storm over Savannah* Lawrence is both an historian of military action and a biographer of leading participants in the battle. He accurately, sometimes poetically, describes the scene—the city of Savannah and the Georgia-Carolina coastal country that he so obviously loves. He analyzes the positions, numbers, and leaders of the British, French, and American forces. The central figure is Count d'Estaing, the French commander, who is portrayed sympathetically though unflatteringly, but the real hero is Colonel John Maitland, commander of the British garrison at Beaufort, "a great but forgotten soldier," who cleverly eluded the French and the Americans and successfully led his men to Savannah in time to give sorely needed support to the besieged British forces under General Prevost. While not neglecting the outstanding American leaders, the author concentrates his attention on the French forces, which included many representatives of ancient aristocratic families and many men of subsequent fame, such as Count de Grasse, later hero of Yorktown; Jourdan, later Marshal of France; and Christophe, later Negro king of Haiti.

Lawrence presents a full discussion of the prolonged and futile Anglo-French negotiations for the surrender of the city. He emphasizes that these negotiations were crucial, for the delay gave Colonel Maitland time to slip from Beaufort to Savannah. The author vividly narrates the exciting story of the unsuccessful Franco-American siege, bombardment, and assault. The failure to dislodge the British was due to a combination of circumstances: friction between the French and the Americans; d'Estaing's complacency, overconfidence, and lack of foresight; dissension among the mercenary, backbiting, rank-conscious, heavy-drinking French nobles; and, in d'Estaing's words, "forgetfulness, lack of frankness, petty jealousy, incredible ignorance of their own country" on the part of the Americans.

*Storm over Savannah* is not entirely free from faults. Though extensive, the footnotes are not sufficiently numerous. The quoted material usually gives eighteenth-century color and flavor, but some of the occasionally colorless, flavorless direct quotations should have been paraphrased. The post-1779 careers of leading figures should have been relegated to an appendix. But these criticisms are trifling, and there is much to praise: the attractive chapter titles; the smooth style of writing; the logical organization of material; the succinct biographical sketches; the dramatic handling of confusing military maneuvers; the timely insertion of amusing anecdotes; and the valuable bibliography of twenty-four pages, including many sources



available only in French archives. *Storm over Savannah* is an excellent historical study of one very significant engagement of the American Revolution.

The Citadel

FRANK W. RYAN, JR.

*Early American Gunsmiths, 1650-1850.* By Henry J. Kauffman. (Harrisburg: The Stackpole Company, 1952. Illustrations. \$5.00.)

This useful checklist, covering two centuries of early craftsmen and compiled from gun collections, newspapers, directories, tax lists, wills, inventories, and other contemporary sources, is a boon to genealogists as well as museums and collectors of firearms. Among the gunsmiths listed from South Carolina are Ralph Atmar, Jr., John and Patrick Ballantine, Francis Beauchee, Joseph Beaudrot, Benjamin and P. Bicaise, Samuel Bonsall, Anthony Boureau, Edward and John Bowers, Joseph Child, and many others. Unfortunately, the first South Carolina gunsmith on record, Thomas Archcraft, has been overlooked. With the biographical sketches arranged alphabetically by name of smith, reference information is readily available and no index is needed. The illustrations show powder horns, documents, and advertisements, as well as rare guns and pistols, adding much interest and value to the book.

The author, an authority on antiques and himself a collector and craftsman, has the following publications to his credit: "A Homecraft Course in Pennsylvania German Pewter," "Pennsylvania Dutch American Folk Art," and "Early American Copper, Tin, and Brass."

A. K. G.

#### THE SOCIETY

Recently this Society has received a number of interesting and valuable gifts. Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neill Verner has presented a small painting of the Confederate "Privateer Savannah," done on a roofing slate in 1861 by C. Black. Mrs. Francis B. Stewart has given a collection of Pinckney and Horry family papers. From Captain Paul Cantwell and Mrs. J. Q. Backwith have come a roster of the Palmetto Regiment, and the original commissions of the late William P. Cantwell, supervisor of Charleston County, 1894-1936.

#### REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

William Maner, born near Beaufort, S. C., about 1795, and Rachel Miles, born in Beaufort in 1801, were married and moved to Brazoria County, Texas, about 1846. Edwin I. McKellar (their great-grandson), Box 194, Austin, Texas, wants to hear from descendants of their brothers and sisters.

Walter Weston Folger, 205 Island Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, wants information on Henrico County (Va.) ancestry of Henry Breazeale, planter, of Long Cane Creek, South Carolina, who obtained land there 1764, and died about 1770, leaving William, Willis, Elijah, Drury, John, Enoch, Joel, Sarah Baker, Elizabeth Baker, Cannon, Kenon (1753-1858).

Wanted: information on date of marriage of Sarah Ann McCants, Colleton County, to Archibald Campbell of Scotland and Charleston, about 1820-1822. Reply to Box 294, Walterboro, S. C.

James F. Hopkins, University of Kentucky, Lexington, wants copies of letters *to* and *by* Henry Clay, and other materials of which Clay was author, as well as significant items about him. These are for publication in cooperation with the National Historical Publications Commission.

Mrs. Palmer W. Johnson, 403 Willcox Ave., Marion, S. C., wants information on the parentage of Richard Broughton, living in Prince William's Parish in 1801. His daughter, Mary Elizabeth, born in 1783, married in 1801, John William Wilkins. Was Richard Broughton the son of Andrew Broughton who married Ann Singleton?

Mrs. Harrison M. Reed, Rt. 8, Box 235 R, Jacksonville, Florida, wants names of parents of John Simons, born in Charleston c 1786, married Rebecca Pinckney, and moved to New Orleans c 1830; had children: John F. Simons, born 1827; Caroline Rebecca, born 1819; and Laura. His obituary in New Orleans paper states John Simons "Died Sept. 24, 1842, age 56, a native of Charleston" adding, "Charleston papers please copy."

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